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Elba Jury Finds Ashe Guilty Of 2nd Degree Arson

By CYNDI MADDOX

A Coffee County jury has found former Elba businessman Frank Ashe guilty of second degree arson for the burning of his car dealership in May 1980.

After more than two hours of deliberation, the five woman, seven man jury returned a guilty verdict late Tuesday afternoon. Circuit Court Judge Riley Green delayed sentencing until March 31 at the request of the defendant. Ashe, 37, will be granted a pre-sentencing hearing at that time. A second degree arson conviction holds a sentence from two to ten years and a maximum \$10,000 fine.

The main witness for the prosecution was Robert Cate, the man who was arrested only a few minutes after the fire which destroyed Frank Ashe Ford on May 27. Cate told law enforcement officials and later testified in court that he and Ashe had planned the fire for the purpose of collecting insurance money.

Cate, who lived in Alexander City, testified that Ashe began discussing burning the building with him in "March or April" before the actual fire in May.

Cate said he stored approximately 30 gallons of gasoline and a container of varnish to be used in setting the fire in a back storeroom at the dealership at Ashe's request. According to Cate, he and Ashe installed a padlock on the door of the storeroom and each of them kept a key. He said there was also 40 additional gallons of gasoline at the car lot to be used in starting the blaze.

Prosecutors Lewey Stephens Jr. and Joe Folmar contended that Ashe hired Cate, Roger E. Stroud and Teresa Stroud to burn the dealership and the conspiracy was planned without the

consent of the building's owner, Foy English. The Strouds were also arrested the morning of the fire and charged with arson. Their trials have not been scheduled.

Cate, who has previously served prison sentences for burglary, said he and Stroud went to the car lot shortly after midnight on May 27 and set the fire. They and Mrs. Stroud, who was supposed to pick the men up following the fire, were arrested near the scene within a few minutes.

During his testimony, Cate said Ashe agreed to give him a new car and a trade-in on a pick-up truck as payment for burning the building.

Ashe, taking the stand in his own defense, said Cate had been his neighbor in Alexander City and he never knew Cate had been in prison. According to him, Cate visited him in March to buy a new car and soon afterwards, he allowed the former neighbor to sell automobiles and parts as an "outside salesman."

Defense attorney Frank Tiplar attempted to convince the jury that Cate had been stealing from the business and when he discovered the Small Business Administration (SBA) was preparing to conduct an audit of Frank Ashe Ford before approving a loan, Cate decided to cover his tracks with fire.

However, Stephens pointed out that a \$150,000 SBA loan which Ashe had applied for was closed on May 2 and there was not a scheduled audit.

Ashe said the contents of the building were insured for \$175,000 and a race car insured for \$48,000. James Ambrose, who worked as part manager for Ashe, estimated that the value of the contents was \$210,000 and the race car was valued at \$90,000. Therefore, Ashe

maintained that the insurance did not cover the fire damages and that he had "nothing to do" with the fire.

"No reasonable sane man would pay someone \$10,000 to financially ruin him and his family," Tiplar said. He noted that since the fire, Ashe lost his business, home, and life savings.

However, Stephens reminded the jury that Ambrose had not been in the dealership since Friday before the fire on Tuesday morning and that some of the parts and equipment may have been removed from the building before the fire.

Venue Charge Denied In Magwood Case

A request for a change-of-venue in the trial of Billy Joe Magwood has been denied by Coffee County Circuit Court Judge Riley Green. Magwood is charged with first degree murder in the 1979 slaying of former Sheriff Neil Grantham.

In a decision released Monday, Green denied the request for the trial to be moved from Elba because "evidence before the court does not show that an impartial trial and unbiased verdict could not be had."

Magwood's court-appointed attorneys, Joe Cassaday and Bill Stokes, requested the change-of-venue due to excessive publicity surrounding the slaying. The attorneys felt their client could not receive a fair trial.

More than 10 reporters were called to the stand during the four-hour hearing which was held on Feb. 19. Based on testimony and evidence presented, Green ruled that prospective jurors should be able to disregard opinions they may have formed as a result of the publicity and render a fair verdict.

Green also denied the attorneys' motion requesting additional funds for psychiatric examinations for their client. Magwood was ruled competent to stand trial in April, 1980, by psychiatrists at Seale Hospital in Mount Vernon where he was hospitalized for almost a year.

Magwood will remain in Houston County jail until a trial date is set.

Reopening Of Elba Hydro Dam Ruled Not Feasible

The Elba City Council Monday night heard representatives of G. Reynolds Watkins, the consulting engineers doing the feasibility study on the Elba hydro project, announce that the renovation of the facility to again generate electricity was not economically feasible.

The study had been commissioned last year under the administration of former Mayor Robert Folsom, who secured a loan from the Federal Energy Commission to make the study. Under the terms of the loan, the feds would convert 90% of the loan to an outright grant if the project proved to be unfeasible, as it ultimately has done. This is to encourage the studying of abandoned hydro dams for possible reopening.

Mr. Ben Fister told the city fathers it would cost \$8,800,000 for the construction phase of the project, plus operating expenses. His figures indicated the facility would generate 12 million KWH per year at a cost of operation and debt retirement of \$806,000. However, this could only be sold for \$230,000, or at a one-half-million-dollar loss. This was assuming Elba could get a 50-50 grant from the federal government on the construction project. Even after operating the facility for thirty years, factoring in the present inflation rate, paying on the loan for all this time, the operating deficit would still exceed \$200,000, according to Fister.

Fister said and used slides to point out damaging erosion to the marl walls downstream and to the concrete portions of the dam; channel silt from Elba to the dam; high water at times reaching to the top of the powerhouse and the need for a complete new powerhouse and other cost-inducing factors to base the results of the study.

Fister also noted that this area gets some of the cheapest electric rates in



County Captures Two State Basketball Championships

STATE CHAMPS - The respective coaches from New Brockton and Kinston posed Sunday afternoon in Elba during a short victory rally as their basketball teams returned from Tuscaloosa where they had just won the Class 1A and Class 2A championships. The non-basketball-size man standing between Coach Charles Cole and Coach Pete Kelley is County School Superintendent Johnny Vaughan.

Vaughan was in Tuscaloosa during the playoffs, and was full of praise for the players, students and fans from both schools for their efforts in winning, and for their mutual support when the other was fighting for the title. Vaughan said Sunday during the short rally that the students of both schools showed a desire to excel, whether it was sports or academics, and that Coffee County was, and should be, proud of this winning tradition.

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BASKETBALL REPORT
IN 2nd SECTION



Lions Plan Pancake Supper

PANCAKE DAY is Saturday, March 21, for the Elba Lions Club. Van McCall is caught "warming up" for the big event as fellow Lion Club members look on in astonishment. They are from left - Terry Calhoun, Ben Brock and Jimmy Hornsby. The event, to raise funds for the Alabama Sight Foundation, will be held at the Elba Elementary School cafeteria. Serving will begin at 6 a.m. and last until 1 p.m. The public is invited.



Elba Mayor Bob English, right, is shown greeting League of Municipalities Executive Director John Watkins at a meeting of the 2nd Congressional District Municipal Officials Association. Watkins was the featured speaker at the meeting held last Thursday evening in Enterprise. Elba officials attending the activities were Mayor English, Councilman Cleo Hawkins, and their wives.

Trio Denies Guilt In Murder Of Rucker Soldier

LaDonna Tucker, Donald Ray Ard, and Douglas Ard have pleaded innocent in the murder case of a Fort Rucker soldier. The three entered their pleas during arraignments in Coffee County Circuit Court earlier this week.

Mrs. Tucker, 33, is charged with murder in the shooting death of her estranged husband, Sgt. Jimmy Tucker. Douglas Ard, described as Mrs. Tucker's companion, is also charged with murder and his brother, Donald Ray Ard, was indicted on a murder for hire charge which carries a possible death sentence.

Circuit Judge Terry Butts said the trials for the three will be in August or late fall.

The victim's body was discovered in a burning pick-up truck on Jan. 24 near Kinston. Further investigations revealed he had been shot twice and the

fire had been set deliberately. Mrs. Tucker and Douglas Ard were arrested in Enterprise several weeks after the murder and Ard's brother was later arrested in San Antonio, Tx.

Days For Voters To Register Listed

Days to register in Coffee County are as follows:
Elba - March 2 - 6;
Enterprise - March 9 - 13.
Hours are 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the courthouse in each city.



Fireman Practice Safety

ELBA FIREMEN are shown attaching a "life line" to one of their members prior to his entering a burning building. The entering fireman is equipped with a breathing apparatus, but the lifeline is to insure his safety if he is pinned under timbers or if the unit should malfunction and the fireman be overcome by smoke or poisonous gasses. Under those conditions, other firemen could either follow the rope to the injured fireman or pull him from the building with the rope.



Brainstorms

With Ferlie Cox

Ye ole editor was a-fussing and a-fuming Monday while opening the morning mail. We had a "please remit" letter from a state tax off "c" and the amount of the underpayment was 1 cent. Well, it is a bit silly to send out a bill for 1 cent, but they took care of that by charging 25 cents interest, and a \$5.00 penalty! It will probably be easier to pay than to fuss themselves on the back for a job well done, and when they cry for more money because of inflation, etc.

We attended a three-day press convention last week in Montgomery. One of the things that surprised me was the fact that many of the people Governor James needs to get any program through the legislature have already written him off as a "lame duck" governor. We have seen many news articles quoting people who were hunting publicity to air their complaints, but the ones who took this writer by surprise were the ones who avoid publicity, don't want to be quoted on the subject, want to remain friends with James if possible, but privately shake their heads and say "he is a goner."

Actually ye ole editor likes the man, and many of the ideas he proposes, but can see where he refuses to face the reality of politics, and therefore has little chance of succeeding with his major programs, and this in itself will make him appear even weaker to the voters on election day... if he decides to run again.

It cost the city a little money, but it was probably worth the \$3,000 to know that it was not practical to rebuild the Pea River hydro dam and begin generating electricity again. Many folks had believed it was the thing to do, and many others say "I told you so." Former Mayor Bob Folsom poured his heart into the feasibility study, believing it was practical to re-open the facility. Whatever our individual opinions, the final word belongs to the federal government, who would be paying most of the cost, and they will rely on the consulting engineers, who have said, "It ain't feasible." That is that.

We are proud that two of our county high school basketball teams captured the state championships in their respective classes last weekend. While many of us sit and argue what is best for Coffee County, Alabama, America and the world, these young men sucked it up, did their best and were recognized for the champions they truly are, congratulations!

We keep publicizing the days the Board of Registrars will be in session to register potential voters, but they continue to have much work. These people will be overworked as elections draw near, and we will get calls and visits from citizens who feel someone is trying to prevent them from voting because they had to stand in line or come back another day. If you are not registered, we urge you to do so now while it is a simple matter of walking in and signing the paper.

The courtroom was awfully busy this week and especially Tuesday. Criminal court was in session, filing of motions was going on in a side office, some civil cases had to be disposed of, and it was a state holiday to boot! We don't really know why all this piled up on Tuesday, but we accused one court official of trying to impress Governor James who had some harsh things to say about state employees, their holidays and their retirement fund.

President Reagan is taking a tough stand on money spending, foreign policy and just about everything... that is what the American public asked for last November. Now we need to give him a chance... especially if he continues to push for a tax cut. That is something that will benefit my pocketbook, your pocketbook and ultimately those with whom we will ultimately spend those savings.



Hospital News

BULLETIN BOARD

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WEIGHT WATCHERS - Elba High School Library - Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

ROTARY CLUB - Monday Noon Holley's Restaurant

EASTERN STAR - 2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - 1st & 3rd Thurs. 9:00 a.m. Elba Exchange Bank

ELBA JAYCEES - 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m. People's Bank. New members welcome.

ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 1st & 3rd Monday, 6:00 p.m. Holley's Restaurant

ELBA LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Holley's Restaurant

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thursday, 5:00 p.m. Superintendent's Office

BPW - 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m. Holley's Restaurant

AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Legion Home, Troy Hwy. Members bring covered dish

BOY SCOUTS - Mondays, 7:00 p.m. at the pool

WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD - 1st Monday, 5:00 p.m. City Hall

ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 - 1st & 3rd Saturday night; 2nd & 4th Monday nights - 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Tues. 7:30 p.m. EHS auditorium.

WOW Lodge 458 - Masonic Hall, New Brockton, 7:30 p.m. 1st Tues. each month

Coffee County Chapter of ASEA to meet March 10 at 5:15 at County Extension Office in New Brockton

WEEKLY POLICE DOCKET

The following are excerpts from the actual police docket of the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, February 24 through Monday, March 2. All names have been omitted by this newspaper.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

12:12 a.m. - Woman caller reported she hit a deer on County Road 82, said she couldn't get to a phone so she drove home and then called.

7:42 a.m. - Patrolman issued a speeding citation to a male driver (37 in 25 mph zone).

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2:58 p.m. - Woman caller reported a grass fire near Elba Bait Shop.

5:04 p.m. - A man is arrested for disorderly conduct and released on bond.

5:33 p.m. - Male caller advised a subject in Big R Restaurant acting suspicious.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

7:00 a.m. - Patrolman reported a busted water line on Smith Avenue.

7:35 a.m. - Male caller requested Rescue Squad at Mullins Apts.

8:32 a.m. - Woman caller advised her ex-husband was raising sand and asked for a policeman.

5:10 p.m. - A man is arrested for violation of probation law.

10:36 p.m. - Patrolman reported gate behind high school is torn down.

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

7:31 a.m. - Male caller advised he would be doing controlled burning across from new shopping center.

9:03 a.m. - Woman caller reported unknown subject cutting her phone line at night. Advised it had been cut 3 times.

Patricia Johnson, Lucille Armstrong, Joyce Smedley, Cassie Marler, E.C. Holland, Willie Bryan, L.G. Worrell, Johnny Driggers, Thelma Crook, Katie Dyess, Mildred Morrow, Gwendolyn Spinks, Onell Coon, Viola Dyess, Luzzell Williams, Willie Crocker, Grace Luckett, Devin Kelley, Emma Haynes, Those discharged during the same time include: Ella Boutwell, Mamie Donaldson, Janet Simmons, Eunice Crawley, Grover Belcher, Nina Allen, Lois Mitchell, Carroll Flowers, Annie Jones, Ruby Edwards.

Johnnie Flowers, Sarah Sexton, Ella Prescott, Jane Custer, Dorothy Mills, Jack Maddox, Wayne Harrison, Nettie Blocker, Mark Stokes, Mattie Davis, Rena Smith, Pearl Armstrong, Patricia Johnson, Wilma Rogers, Perry Finner, Sherry Smart, Harry Driggers, Maurine Morgan, Heather Oglesby, Debra Lee, L.P. Hussey, Roger Tice, Ester Arnold, Dorothy White, Eric Thomas, Grover Rushing, Billy Morrow, Ralph McLeod, Roy Creech, Jerry McMillan, Joyce Smedley, E.C. Holland, Charlotte Flowers, Johnny Driggers.

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FRIDAY, FEB. 27

12:26 a.m. - Patrolman reported a forest fire on 87 South and intersection of 84 East.

10:55 a.m. - Junior High principal requested police look for four students suspected of skipping school.

2:13 p.m. - Male caller advised of a wreck at intersection of 87 North and County Road 21. No injuries.

4:46 p.m. - Woman caller advised a dog scratched a child at her home.

5:03 p.m. - Patrolman issued a speeding citation to a male driver on 189 North.

5:44 p.m. - Male caller advised a lady with a flat tire in front of Eastern home.

6:08 p.m. - Woman caller requested police at the bus station.

6:20 p.m. - Patrolman issued citations for no driver's license to two female drivers.

6:54 p.m. - Male caller reported his light meter fell off the wall.

8:16 p.m. - Woman caller advised unknown subject egged a home on Highland Drive.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 28

7:47 a.m. - Male caller advised he had contaminated water at his home.

11:20 a.m. - Male caller advised a woods fire on Packing House Road.

12:10 p.m. - Male caller reported a stray dog at his house.

1:21 p.m. - Male caller reported a wreck in front of Vaughan Hardware.

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10:22 a.m. - Woman caller advised there is a cat acting strange at her house.

11:30 a.m. - Woman caller advised a speeding citation to a male driver.

3:46 p.m. - Patrolman issued a speeding citation to a female driver.

9:58 p.m. - Nurse at hospital advised a patient walked away from hospital.



ALABAMA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION -- Alabama's Washington representatives are shown above at the first Alabama Congressional Delegation meeting of the 97th Congress. Pictured from left to right are: Rep. Albert Lee Smith, Birmingham; Rep. Richard Shelby, Tuscaloosa; Rep. Ronnie Filippo, Florence; Rep. Tom Bevil, Jasper; Sen. Howell Heflin, Tusculum; Sen. Jeremiah Denton, Mobile; Rep. Bill Dickinson, Montgomery; Rep. Jack Edwards, Mobile; and Rep. Bill Nichols, Sylacauga.

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REBEL NEWS**

EDITORS:
SANDRA MOBLEY
HAYES WHITE

SPONSOR: RACHEL BRYAN

Melanie Sanders Wins 4-H Contest



Voted Wildest in Who's Who were MARIETTA DUNCAN, KENNY CAMPBELL, and SHERRY WHITE. (Marietta Duncan is not pictured.)



It takes half an ounce of gas to start the average car.

"Good service, good coverage, good price... that's State Farm Insurance."

Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.

JIMMY HORNSBY

Whether it's State Farm life, health, home or car insurance, you can get more value for your insurance dollars. Call me today.

528 North Claxton Avenue
Elba, Alabama 36323
Phone: Off. 205-897-2229
Home 205-897-5246

Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.

STATE FARM FIRE AND CASUALTY COMPANY
Home Office: Bloomington, Illinois

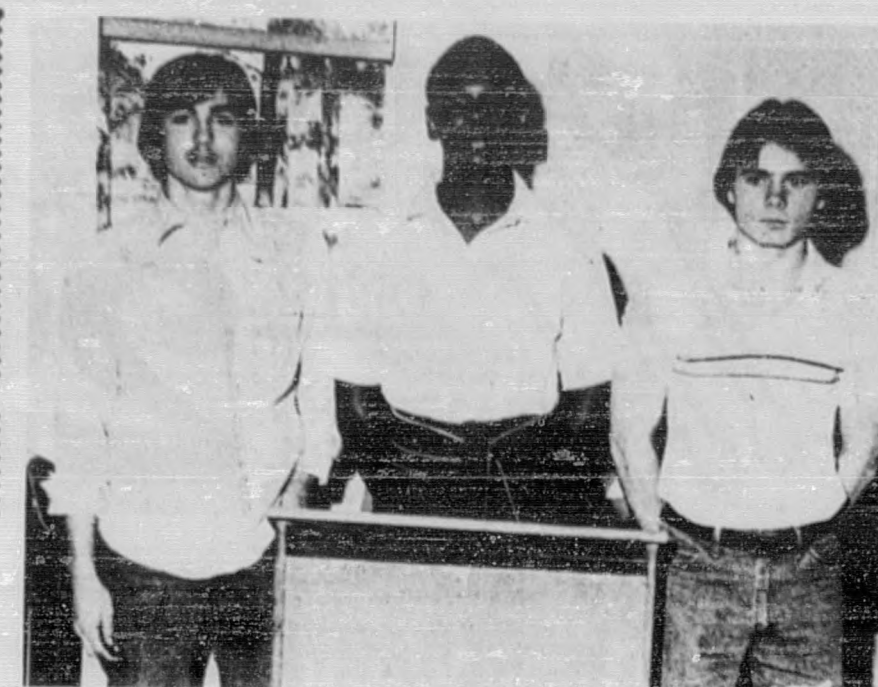
BATTER UP!
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ZC Students Win Art Contest

BY: RICKY NICKOLSON
Last week four Zion Chapel students entered an art contest. This week, I'm happy to report that two of them won!

Gail Pyrom and David Fuller received the county Superintendent's Award. Their entries will now go to Montgomery to be judged for the State Superintendent's Award. This contest will be held later in March.

Out of Coffee County, there were only three winners - and for one school to have two of them is quite

an achievement! Zion Chapel is fortunate to have such talented students as these.

Congratulations and good luck!

Seventh & Eighth Grade

4-H News

BY: JANET STEWART
The Zion Chapel 7th and 8th grade 4-H Club girls met February 17, 1981. Vice-President Tracy Nelson presided over the meeting.

The club was very fortunate to have a guest speaker from Alabama Power Company at the meeting. She showed a film and gave a talk on energy conservation. It was very interesting.

Sheets were passed out on upcoming contests. The meeting was adjourned until next month.

FFA Week

BY: ROBBIN DAY
The Future Farmers of America was organized in 1928, to promote leadership among vocational agriculture students. The program is to prepare students for careers in agricultural production, marketing, processing and service. There are nearly 485,000 FFA members in the United States. The FFA motto is "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live and living to serve."

The week of February 21-28 is National FFA Week. The Zion Chapel chapter is participating by putting up a bulletin board to promote the goals of the FFA and to show that Vocational Agriculture traditions have held strong and produced a mighty work force for food and fiber to meet the needs of our nation.

Senior Class Conducts Market Survey

BY: VICKIE ELLISON
Have you ever stopped to consider the qualifications your chewing gum must have before you select the one you will purchase? You may not have, but the Senior Economics classes have.

After they conduct a market survey to learn the kind of gum their potential customers will buy, they will develop a brand to place on the market.

The researchers are trying to find out what flavor, color, wrapper and taste the public prefers. The classes are divided into six different companies which will advertise and manufacture their chewing gum. They will compete against each other.

The fifth period Economics class voted to advertise and manufacture ice cream.

Beta Club Sells Candy

BY: KIM DYESS
The Zion Chapel Beta Club is now selling Kit Kat, Snickers, Milky Way, M & M's, Hershey's with Almonds, and Reese's Cups for 30 cents each. The money made will be used to buy the senior honor cords, and for a trip to the Beta Club Convention that will be held in Montgomery in April.

Support the Beta Club by buying this candy.

Record Rack

BY: KELLIE SHEFFIELD
Wyman McWaters - Every Woman in the World
Deddie F. - Heartbreak Hotel
Sharon M. - Don't Let It Get You Down
Z.C. Color Guard - Celebration
Cindy R. - Looking For Love in all the Wrong Places
Mechelle C. - Sad Eyes
Mr. Green - Ring My Bell
Mac Carmack - I Love the Rainy Nights
Bubba Whitehead - Short People
Janet Stewart - Your Kiss is on My List
Veda Johnson - Keep on Loving You
Kellie Sheffield - I Love You More than I Can Say
From Boyd to Suzanne - Your Kiss is on My List

The third part of the program contained Charles Smith and Ray Marler presenting the Junior basketball players and "B" team players with certificates. For the B team, Eddie Arnold received the Most Valuable Player award. Next, Coach Mike Lindsey presented the Varsity basketball players with certificates. Each senior basketball player was given a trophy. Then the Varsity Basketball awards were given out. The Mr. Hustle award was presented to David Sanders. The Most Valuable Player award was presented to Walter Adair. John David Parker received the Permanent Team Captain award. After the basketball players presented the Varsity Football awards. The Most Valuable Player award was given to Coach David Collins presenting the Varsity Football awards. The Most Valuable Player award was given to John David Parker. The Sportsman Award was presented to Dwayne Bell. Boyd Deal was the recipient of the Leadership award for being a fine leader. The Permanent Team Captain award was then given. Mike Ammons was presented this award. Jim Little was awarded the Best Lineman

Teachers What If

What if - Mrs. Lowery couldn't read?
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What if - Mrs. Smith couldn't add or subtract?
What if - Mrs. Jackson lost her contacts?
What if - Coach Lindsey had to wear glasses?
What if - Coach Collins didn't know how to play football?
What if - Mrs. Bryan forgot how to type or lost her American History book?
What if - they were all on one day - CELEBRATION

Crepe Demonstration Held At ZC

BY: RICKY NICKOLSON
Gourmet food is a treat that is growing in popularity with the people of our area, and one Zion Chapel student has shown us one such dish. Judy Helms, enrolled in Mrs. Hillman's specialized Home Economics Class, demonstrated the art of

making crepes. Crepes, also known as French Pancakes, can be made in many forms and fashions, but as her fillings Judy chose a honey nut and cheese mixture. Judy's presentation was enjoyed by all members of the class.

GOING PLACES? (Share A Ride With A Friend)

Band Member Of The Week

Scott English is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Foy English. He has been in the band six years. Scott plays the trombone in the symphonic band and jazz band. He is also a member of St. Beta Club and Mu Alpha Theta. Congratulations!

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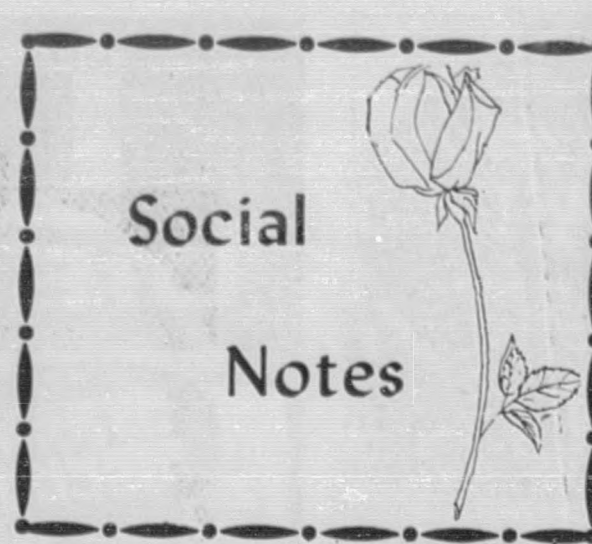


Brad Grantham Is Three Years Old

Brad Grantham celebrated his 3rd birthday with a party in his home Saturday, February 28.

Friends joining him were Blake Boutwell, Amy Jackson, Joseph Grantham, Stacy and Bigley Black, Kristie and Nickie Semonelle and Laura Brown.

Brad is the son of Billy and Ramona Grantham. His grandparents are Buck and Sammie Grantham, Nell Kelley and the late Howard Kelley.



Social Notes

Tammy Padgett To Marry Don Bradshaw

Mr. and Mrs. Winford Padgett and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Bradshaw of Elba extend an invitation to their families and friends to attend the marriage ceremony of their daughter, Tammy and Don, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Padgett, Rt. 4, Elba, (Kinston Highway) on Saturday evening, March 7.

Miss Susie Bruce Heads Phi Mu Chapter

Miss Susie Bruce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron S. Bruce, Jr., Elba, recently elected president of Kappa Chi Chapter of Phi Mu Fraternity at the University of Montevallo. Susie is a sophomore, majoring in psychology and counseling, and minoring in art.

Graduating as an honor student from Elba High School in 1979, Susie earned a scholarship to attend the University of Montevallo, which requires that she maintain an "A" average at the University.

Susie is also actively involved in other activities and organizations on campus.

Pilot Club To Sponsor Basketball Shootout

The Pilot Club of Elba is sponsoring a Basketball Shootout for Easter Seals, to be held on Saturday, March 21.

Any girl or boy attending Elba, New Brockton or Kinston schools in grades 7-12 are invited to enter.

Pledge sheets will be given out at the schools on Friday, March 6, and those entering will be able to get pledges until the day of the shoot-out.

The shoot-out will consist of 50 free-throw shots per participant. Sponsors may pledge any amount of money for each free throw shot made.

The shoot-out will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Elba High School gym on the 21st.

Pledge sheets may be obtained from Mr. Stokes at Elba High School.

A Coca Cola Shootout T-shirt will be given to each participant who turns in \$25 of pledges. Six trophies will also be awarded: one each to girl and boy winners in the 7th and 8th grades; 9th and 10th grades; and 11th and 12th grade. These six winners' names and scores will be turned in to the state, where 15 prizes will be awarded.

All pledge money turned in will be given to Easter Seals, which has served Alabama handicapped since 1926. There are 15 rehabilitation centers and facilities in Alabama that are maintained by Easter Seals. Nineteen Coffee County handicapped persons are treated at these centers.

Members of the Pilot Club say they feel Easter Seals is a very deserving campaign, and "we are asking for your support as a pledge sponsor or participant in the shoot-out."



Win Westbrook accepts the State Farm "Good Neighbor" Award from Elba State Farm Agent Jimmy Hornsby. Win was cited for his rescue of Mr. Wilson Hughes from his burning home in Glenwood in early morning hours of Saturday, January 31. The State Farm Company has recently given the "Good Neighbor" award to recognize outstanding persons in the community.

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***Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks of Montgomery always bring

cheer, friendship and much love on their visits with Elba friends and Mrs. Mullins.

***Yes, this was history at its best - particularly because it was being narrated to me personally by an experienced 91-year-old lady with only slightly impaired hearing and seeing. Nevertheless, she was able to read my scribbles - which the person at the Elba Clipper have too often to guess at.

This interesting lady is Mrs. Ella Mae Stewart, on Stouder Street in Elba.

She was born in Coffee County on September 11, 1889. Her parents migrated to Alabama from Georgia; her father was a Methodist minister and served as pastor of Shady Grove Methodist Church in Elba.

She was the youngest of ten children, the others now deceased. She married Mr. Edwin Martin of Enterprise - drove over to be a typical grandmother to the four lovely Bruce granddaughters.

Bill spent hours Monday behind closed doors with a roster of noted educators. This was classified as an oral examination.

Finally, Bill was asked to leave the room. He joined Deedie, and the two anxious waited. Minutes seemed like hours; they were apprehensive, anxious, uneasy and just plain uncomfortable.

The door finally opened and a presiding member very politely spoke audibly. "Dr. William Bruce, come in!" Deedie didn't wait for an invitation - she was already in!

This ethnic group of noted professionals in the field of Education, as by distinguished custom, had declared that Bill Bruce was an eligible candidate for this coveted title, and most capable and worthy of the honor.

Dr. Bruce is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bruce, Sr., and the grandson of Mrs. W.C. Braswell.

Your accomplishments have made many of us happy. Dr. Bruce - even your first-grade teacher!

***Rev. and Mrs. John Frank Lindsey drove to Elba with a goal in mind - they were taking Mrs. Curtis Fuller and Mrs. G.E. Lindsey home with them. These two young ladies enjoyed every minute of their stay in the Rocket City with the Lindseys.

***Mrs. John D. Lowery, on Redwood Hill, had a special Valentine treat. There were John, Jr., Barbara, Joanna and Alicia. These Tuscaloosa folks came at a select time; the Department of Aviation Maintenance, and Mrs. Louis W. Butt of New Brockton.

***From EHS Report: Junior Class Top Magazine Salesmen: Lyn Marsh, Ann English, Mark Vaughan, Jenny Hatum, Judy Asher, Mike Bullard, Cecelia Cooper, Larry Brunson. What My School Means to Me: by Freddie Moore.

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Stretching, stretching, stretching

Government recalls propane water heaters-could explode

The Alabama Department of Public Health has announced that a nationwide recall program to repair more than 600,000 LP (liquid propane) gas water heaters which may pose an explosion hazard has been instituted by the manufacturer.

The recall program involves LP gas water heaters which contain a thermostat manufactured by the White-Rodgers division of Emerson Electric Company of St. Louis, Mo. The water heaters were sold between 1961 and 1980, predominantly to rural homeowners by the A.O. Smith Corporation of Kansas City, Mo., and by Sears, as well as other manufacturers and retailers.

The gas water heaters

containing White-Rodgers thermostats produced between 1964 and 1976 have been involved in 23 explosions involving five deaths and 16 serious injuries to consumers. It appears that these accidents were caused because the pilot gas control knob of the thermostat became damaged through use and the valve became stuck in the "open position", allowing LP gas to escape.

Because the liquid propane gas is heavier than air, it accumulates near the floor in the event of a leak and can explode from a variety of ignition sources, including an electric spark.

Although more than 800,000 of the White-Rodgers thermostats were

manufactured and distributed for use in LP gas water heaters since 1961, the company believes that approximately 600,000 currently remain in water heaters in use by consumers.

The Elba High School Symphonic Band, under the direction of Mr. Steve Thompson, attended the Alabama Bandmasters District Band Festival in Andalusia this past Saturday. The band performed for three judges and was rated superior by all three.

The judges consisted of Mr. Ernest Hepson from Ft. Walton Beach, Florida; Mr.

The company is sending notices of the recall to all identifiable users of LP gas in the United States, an estimated 15 million households.

John Hendley from Gulf Breeze, Mississippi; and Mr. Bill Belcher from Tifton, Georgia. All three judges are noted band directors from the Southeast, and are top rated directors in their own states, according to Thompson.

The Symphonic Band played three numbers and "the band played wonderfully," said Thompson.

AEROBIC DANCING-

Fast and fun way to lose weight

One, Two, Stretch, Relax. Sound familiar -- usually counting, stretching and relaxing are associated with hours of strenuous exercise designed to shed unwanted pounds and tighten relaxed muscles.

For some people, exercising is one of those dreaded and mundane activities which one has to force oneself into doing. For others it is a pleasant and relaxing experience.

During the past few years traditional toe touching, knee bends, and sit-ups have been replaced with group dance steps, graceful bends, and rhythmic breathing.

Dorothy Lindsey is currently teaching an innovative exercise program at the Elba Recreation Center called aerobic dancing.

Aerobic dance combines methods used to strengthen muscles, facilitate cardiovascular activity, and at the same time insure the participants of having fun.

Since aerobic means "need for oxygen," aerobic exercise refers to those exercises that cause the body to demand oxygen over an extended period of time, long enough to produce changes beneficial to the cardiovascular and muscular systems in the body.

Dancing, as well as brisk walking, jogging, running, swimming, and cycling are

all considered to be aerobics since the body is toned and strengthened inside to the outside.

The bending and stretching in aerobic dance classes not only develops stronger muscles and body organs, but also burns up calories. Research has shown that during the six hours following a one-hour class of aerobics, the body will burn twice as many calories that it would had it remained inactive.

Aerobic dancing is based on the principle of continuous movement. According to Jacki Sorensen, who is credited with originating aerobic dancing, the increase in daily energy, combined with a decrease in chronic fatigue is one of the benefits of aerobics.

Sorensen, in a booklet "Have Fun, Keep Fit," explains the phenomenon of increased energy, saying it is caused by the burning of food with oxygen.



New techniques for exercising

ESJC offers weekend classes during spring

College-level courses will be offered on Saturday mornings during Spring quarter at Enterprise State Junior College, according to Dr. Joseph D. Talmadge, academic dean.

"We hope to serve that group who cannot attend college during the week," Dr. Talmadge said. "We made a survey of our area and found enough people interested to set up the program for spring quarter. Seven general education type courses are scheduled from 8 a.m. till 12:30 p.m., which will enable a person to schedule up five quarter hours. If the response is good, we will enlarge the program fall quarter and offer classes Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon," Dr. Talmadge added.

Registration for the Saturday classes is scheduled Monday, March 16, from 8:30 a.m. till 1:30 p.m., and from 4:30 till 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Six of the Saturday classes meet from 8 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. They are: Personal Typewriting, Principles of Management, Introduction to Data Processing, World Regional Geography, History of the U.S. to 1877, and Physical Science I. First Aid - a three-hour course - meets from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

Applications and schedules are available from the Registrar's office. To obtain either or both by mail, call the Registrar at 347-2623.

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The energy crisis -

Are you aware of the energy crisis in your body? A shortage of physical energy affects not only your health but the extent to which you enjoy life.

--A. Makenzie Craig

If you would like a choice of the following wishes, which one would YOU choose?

To feel healthier and happier than you have felt in years?

Buy a new dress one size smaller within eight weeks?

Pick out the bathing suit of YOUR choice - rather than one to camouflage your present figure?

Well - you don't have to choose -- all the above wishes can come true in only eight weeks.

Aerobic Exercise is the answer to your dreams. Sign up NOW - TODAY - for the "Stay Fit and Trim" program, now being offered at the American Legion Recreation Center in Elba.

Just two hours per week will be the solution for a healthier happier YOU!

Two hour sessions each Monday and Wednesday night - 6 to 8 - or

Two 1-hour sessions Two extra hours free your choice of Monday or Wednesday

Call DOROTHY LINDSEY 897-6175 and sign up today!



4-H WINNERS - These Coffee County 4-H'ers participated in the 4-H Woodworking and Small Farm Demonstration. Pictured on front row (L-R) are Joe Ellis of Enterprise; Stan Walker of New Brockton; Michael Nagy of Enterprise; and Kevin Wilson of Enterprise; Back row (L-R) are: Robert Chambliss of Kinross; Jamie Rogers of Kinross; Larry McWaters of Zion Chapel; Kim Wilson of Enterprise; and Robert Rountz of Zion Chapel.

Plan carefully before planting fruit trees

BRENDA M. ALLEN
Assistant County Agent - ANR

There seems to be a lot of interest throughout the county in planting some sort of fruit trees. You should consider many factors before starting a backyard fruit garden.

First of all, a fruit tree needs special care. The backyard gardener needs to know something about the fruit he plans to grow before he can care for it properly.

So, find out the cultural requirements of the plants you are interested in before you spend money on them. Your situation might not be right for certain fruits, but may be ideal for others.

Secondly, peaches, apples, plums, pears and bunch grapes rarely produce a good crop of healthy fruit in our humid climate unless they are protected from insects and diseases.

Protecting trees from insects and diseases involves more than haphazard spraying

with whatever spray material you happen to have around the house. Instead, protection involves making timely and thorough applications of recommended sprays.

If the proper spraying procedures and materials aren't used, your harvest will probably be disappointing.

Good plants are very important for a successful backyard fruit garden. They are protected from insects and diseases.

Good nutrition is also extremely important in the backyard fruit garden. You need to know the nutritional condition of the soil and the nutrient requirements of your particular fruit plants before you fertilize. Of course, soil testing is the only way to determine how much lime and fertilizer you actually need.

Finally, nearly all fruit plants require training and pruning to produce a large crop of good fruit. Some of the benefits of pruning include increased fruit size and quality, easier insect and disease control, reduced limb breakage, and easier tree size control.

Planting a fruit tree will be an enjoyable experience if you do it right.

State job openings

Applications are being accepted in the Office of Civilian Personnel (OCP) at Ft. Rucker for six positions.

The jobs are: Training Specialist (aircraft operations/employment) GS-1712-9 which pays \$18,585 a year; Air Traffic Control Specialist (terminal) GS-2152-9 and 11 with an annual salary of \$18,585 and \$22,486, respectively; Program Analyst, GS-345-7, temporary, appointment not to exceed one year, \$18,585 per annum

Training Instructor (flight simulator/trainer) GS-1712-9 with a salary of \$18,585 a year; and Training Instructor (aviation) GS-1712-11, paying \$22,486 annually.

Applications will be accepted from non-status candidates until March 11 and may be obtained by contacting the Office of Civilian Personnel Employment Information and Counseling Center, Building 6603, Ft. Rucker, AL 36362.

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He's your local Mississippi Chemical fertilizer dealer and he's been serving farmers around here for a while now. He's recently been trained in a programmed approach to soil fertility.

- He can interpret your soil's fertility needs.
- He can recommend a total fertilizer program.
- He'll help you meet your yield goals.
- He'll help you make more money.

That's it. That and the fact that he sells the fertilizer that for the last thirty years has consistently given the farmer more for his money.

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ber of 1937. To my knowledge, one has been held every year since that time.

SAFETY
We have had almost 8 inches of rain in places in the county in the past 30 days. Farmers are thankful for just about every inch of it.

Grazing crops are growing rapidly. The rain in February has been extremely beneficial.

One word of caution: Most farmers are in the process of turning land. Remember to approach banks and ditches carefully. Sometimes winter rains undermine the banks and shoulders that you have driven on without any problem. Rains can weaken these shoulders and banks and cause your tractor to flip over on you. Be extremely cautious in cultivating

PRUNING
I notice a lot of corner plants have grown up and are almost to the eaves of the house. Our two landscaping experts, Sara Hutchinson and Dan Presley, point out that corner plants should not be allowed to grow higher than 2/3 of the distance from the ground up to the eaves of the house.

You still have time to prune foundation plants around your home. Remember to do some pruning, if necessary, near the base of the plant. On most plants new growth will occur where a limb is removed. This will keep your plant bushy near the base rather than becoming spindly.

Producers Special Sale

sponsored by

Coffee County

Cattlemen's Association

Cattle sale at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 16, at the Farmers Co-op Livestock Sale Barn in Elba (Highway 84 West).

Bring all cattle, calves, stockers (all weights), finished or fat cattle, cows, bulls, and cow-calf pairs to sell.

The barn will be open all day for your convenience in penning your cattle.

Date: Monday, March 16

Place: Farmers Co-op Livestock Barn

Time: 7:30 p.m.



Ronald Bass

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NEWS BRIEFS

ASEA MEETING

The Coffee County chapter of ASEA will meet March 10 at 5:15 p.m. at the county extension office in New Brockton.

TAX ASSISTANCE

Human Resource Development Corporation (HRDC) is participating again this year in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA). Anyone who needs help filling out a tax return and cannot afford professional assistance, can receive help on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the HRDC office on Putnam Street.

LEARNING TO READ AND WRITE

Are you tired of depending on someone else to do your reading and writing for you? Learn to read and write for yourself in classes offered at HRDC in Elba each Monday from 8:15-11:15 a.m., and in New Brockton each Monday from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Classes are also being offered at the same locations and time periods for person preparing for their GED tests to obtain a high school diploma. These classes are scheduled to begin March 16.

RECALL ON INFANT POKES

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has announced a recall of infant fork and spoon sets which are coated with cadmium, a substance which can be poisonous if taken internally. The product, distributed by Cribmates, Inc., was voluntarily recalled because flakes and peeling from the utensils were found to contain cadmium. The fork and spoon sets have bright plated surfaces, are blister packed, and are mounted on a card labeled "Training Fork and Spoon, A Perfect Size for Baby's Little Hands."

Train for Emergencies

NIGHT CLASSES OFFERED SPRING QUARTER AT ENTERPRISE STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE

REGISTER: Mon., Mar. 16, Classes Begin Mar. 18 FOR: RN's, LPN's, EMT's & Others Interested

COURSES

EMT-201 Emergency Medical Care I... 6 Cr. (Required for Basic EMT License)

EMT-202 Refresher Emer. Med. Care I... 3 Cr. (Required Every 3 yrs. to maintain basic EMT License)

EMT-204 Emergency Medical Care II... 10 Cr. (Required for Intermediate License)

FOR RN'S & LPN'S

EMT-205 Emergency Medical Care... 7 Cr. (Covers IV's, Airways, Arrhythmias, and Heart Diseases)

FOR RN'S, LPN'S & EMT'S

EMT-206 Pharmacology (Study of Clinical Drugs & Their use in Emergencies Medicine) 5 Cr.

FOR COURSE & ENROLLMENT INFORMATION, CALL OR SEE THE REGISTRAR OR LEARNING DIRECTOR

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OBITUARIES

MRS. POLLY NELSON, 94

Funeral services for Mrs. Polly Nelson, 94, of Elba, were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Elba Funeral Home Chapel. She died Monday, March 2, at an Elba hospital.

Officiating at the services at the Elba Funeral Home Chapel were Rev. Fred Fowler and Rev. Q. P. Jones. Burial was in Brookline Cemetery.

Mrs. Nelson is the wife of the late John Nelson. Survivors include four sons, Orice and Malcom Nelson of Elba;

JAMES L. STIEFEL, 33

Funeral services for James Lawrence Stiefel, 33, of New Brockton, were held Sunday, March 1, at the Elba Funeral Home Chapel. He died February 27 in a Dothan hospital.

Rev. James Adcock officiated at the services and burial was in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Linda Sue Stiefel

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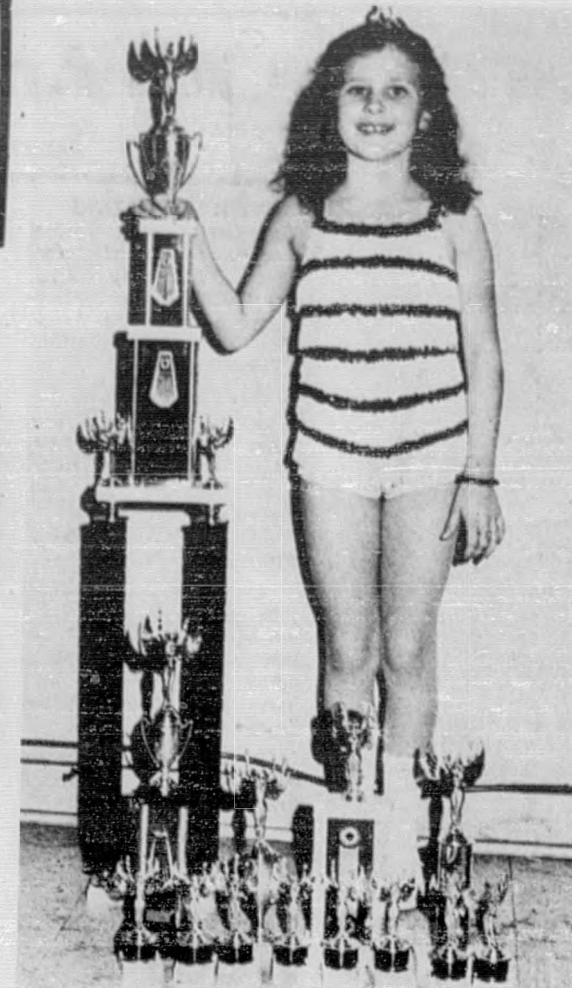
MYRA STOKES
First Squad - She and husband, David, have three children, live on E. Davis St., Elba.



JIMMY DAVIS
First Squad - He and his wife, Elaine, have two children, live on Rt. 2, Elba.



MARY FLOWERS
Second Squad - She and her husband, James, have three children, live on Reese Avenue, in Elba.



Local twirler gains top honors at camp

Talented Lucinda Byrd, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haldon Byrd, spent a week this summer at Sunnyside Twirling Camp in Panama City under the direction of state and national instructors including her own teacher, Beverly Hargrove. Lucinda was selected as the Best Overall Camper after placing in all divisions of competition on Awards Day. Since then, hard hours of practice have rated her as one of the top twirlers in South Alabama.

Funeral home opens

The Gray Funeral Home in Brundidge is now open; they are located on Highway 231 North, next to Floyd Shirley Ford.

The modern funeral home, owned by Pike County native Bobby Gray, offers the utmost in modern and professional service. His staff of capable associates includes his wife, Brenda, who is also a licensed funeral director.

Gray's office services on Liberty National, Brown-Service and other insurance policies. They are available to serve the area with 24-hour service and can be reached at 735-3044.

Card of Thanks

Nick and I would like to express our deep appreciation and thanks to our neighbors, Elba Fire Department and Mr. Billy Ferguson of the Piggly Wiggly for their concern and help at the time of our house fire last week.

"An honest man's the noblest work of God," Samuel Butler

NICK & ELAINE SEMONELLE

3-5-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISING FOR BIDS
PROJECT NO. B-50-IN-01-0009

CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA

Separate sealed bids for Storm Drainage Improvements for Mulberry Estates Area will be received by The City of Elba, Alabama, at the Office of the Mayor until 11:00 o'clock (A.M., C.S.T.) March 13th, 1981, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following:

Polyengineering, Inc., 1501 Headland Avenue, Dothan, Alabama 36301, and The City of Elba, Alabama, P.O. Box 450 - Elba, Alabama 36323.

Copies may be obtained at the Office of Polyengineering, Inc. located at 1501 Headland Avenue, Dothan, Alabama 36301, upon payment of \$50.00 for each set. Any unsuccessful bidder may be required to return the set upon payment of \$25.00.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the information for Bidders. Attention is directed to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within a growing period of the actual date of the opening thereof.

February 15, 1981
/s/ BOB M. ENGLISH, Mayor

2-19-1tc

ESTATE OF ALLEN L. GRAY DECEASED

PROBATE COURT COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

Letters Testamentary on the estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day

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Said sale was made for the purpose of realizing the Mortgage debt, together with all expenses of this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

This 23rd day of February, 1981.

THE PEOPLES BANK A Corporation
The Mortgagee and Owner of Said Mortgage

2-26-1tc

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IT'S WORTH THE DRIVE - If you're buying office supplies, furniture or business machines, come to Walker Business Machines. They have a large stock of discount prices. On the square in Andalusia, Alabama. Phone 897-2495. 1-15-1tc

HOUSE FOR SALE: Three bedrooms, good condition. Some carpeting. All new paint inside. 8/10-acre lot. Ready to move into immediately. Low interest financing available. Phone 897-2495. 2-19-1tc

FOR SALE: 138 acres timberland, located on Highway 189, halfway between Elba and Brantley. Contact Roy DeVane, 897-6136. 1-8-1tc

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FOR SALE: 14' Kennedy fiberglass fishing boat. 15 HP Evinrude motor, 15 HP Evinrude trailer. \$1,650. Call 897-2495. 9-25-1tc

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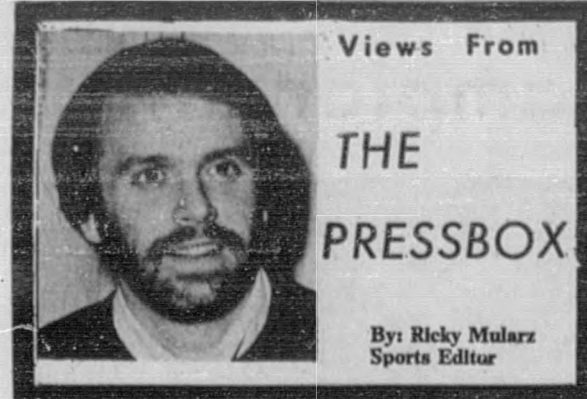
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<p>Golden Guarantee U.S.D.A. Choice Tender-Aged Beef Boneless Chuck Roast Lb. \$1.49 Save \$1.10 per lb.</p> <p>U.S.D.A. Choice Tender-Aged Beef Boneless Shoulder Steak Lb. \$1.69</p> <p>Eckrich Meat Franks Lb. \$1.89</p> <p>U.S.D.A. Choice Tender-Aged Beef T-Bone Steaks Lb. \$2.89</p> <p>Fresh Frozen Fryer Livers Lb. 69¢</p> <p>Fresh Lean Beef 5 lbs. or more pkg. Ground Beef Lb. \$1.29 Save 40¢ per lb.</p> <p>Del Haven Sliced Bacon Lb. \$1.39</p> <p>Bryan Slab Bacon Lb. 69¢</p> <p>Sunnyland Smoked Sausage 22-oz. bag \$2.19</p> <p>Fresh Select Oysters 12-oz. can \$2.39</p> <p>Reg. Beef or Polish Eckrich Sausage Lb. \$1.99</p> <p>Zeigler's Red Hots 1 1/2-lb. bag \$2.59</p> <p>Zeigler's Sliced Slab Bacon Lb. \$1.29</p> <p>Zeigler's Hot/Mild Whole Hog Sausage Lb. \$1.89</p>	<p>U.S.D.A. Choice Tender-Aged Beef Boneless Shoulder Steak Lb. \$1.69</p> <p>Eckrich Meat Franks Lb. \$1.89</p> <p>U.S.D.A. Choice Tender-Aged Beef Sirloin Steak Lb. \$2.69 Save \$1.00 per lb.</p> <p>Cut & Wrapped Free U.S.D.A. Choice Tender-Aged 12 to 12-1/2 lbs. avg. Whole Boneless Rib Eyes Lb. \$3.29</p> <p>Fresh Lean Quarter Loin Sliced Into Pork Chops Lb. \$1.49</p> <p>Plain Label with cheese Dog Burgers 72-oz. pkg. \$2.29</p> <p>Plain Label Self-Rising Corn Meal 5-lb. bag \$1.19</p> <p>Hy-Top Lemon Juice 32-oz. bot. 99¢</p> <p>8 in 8 Chopped Mushrooms 3-oz. can 77¢</p> <p>Hy-Top Instant Potatoes 15-oz. box 89¢</p> <p>Mazola Corn Oil 48-oz. bot. \$2.29 Save 30¢</p> <p>AXAX LAUNDRY Detergent 48-oz. box \$1.49</p>	<p>Nabisco Double Stuff or Oreo Cookies 15-oz. pkg. \$1.39</p> <p>Coronet Prints Bath Tissue 4-roll pkg. 99¢</p> <p>Hy-Top Grape Jelly 16-oz. jar 89¢</p> <p>Hy-Top Apple Sauce 2 16-oz. cans 89¢</p> <p>Meadow Gold Popsicle Novelties 12-ct. pkg. 89¢ Save 50¢</p> <p>Plain Label with cheese Dog Burgers 72-oz. pkg. \$2.29</p> <p>Plain Label Self-Rising Corn Meal 5-lb. bag \$1.19</p> <p>Hy-Top Lemon Juice 32-oz. bot. 99¢</p> <p>8 in 8 Chopped Mushrooms 3-oz. can 77¢</p> <p>Hy-Top Instant Potatoes 15-oz. box 89¢</p> <p>Mazola Corn Oil 48-oz. bot. \$2.29 Save 30¢</p> <p>AXAX LAUNDRY Detergent 48-oz. box \$1.49</p>	<p>Hy-Top Apple Juice 64-oz. bot. \$1.49</p> <p>Hy-Top Tomato Sauce 2 15-oz. cans \$1.00</p> <p>Pamper's Toddler Diapers 12-ct. box \$1.99</p> <p>Hy-Top Mayonnaise 32-oz. jar \$1.49</p> <p>Mrs. Smith's Apple Pie 37-oz. size \$2.49</p> <p>Chef Boy-Ar-Dee Ass't. Flavors Pizzas 11 1/2-oz. size \$1.19</p> <p>Gorton's Batter Fried Fish Sticks 8-oz. pkg. \$1.19</p> <p>Green Giant Cabbage Rolls 14-oz. pkg. \$1.99</p> <p>Green Giant Salisbury Steak 14-oz. pkg. \$1.99</p> <p>Green Giant Stuffed Bell Peppers 14-oz. pkg. \$1.89</p> <p>Ore Ida Crinkle Cut Potatoes 80-oz. pkg. \$2.59</p> <p>Rich's Coffee Rich 2 16-oz. ctrs. \$1.09</p> <p>Frosty Acres Hush Puppies 16-oz. pkg. 85¢</p> <p>Frosty Acres Butter Peas 16-oz. pkg. \$1.09</p> <p>Cold King Breaded Okra 16-oz. pkg. \$1.05</p> <p>Frosty Acres Turnips with roots 20-oz. pkg. 95¢</p> <p>Cold King Breaded Squash 16-oz. pkg. 99¢</p> <p>Cre-Mel 4-ct. Corn Dogs 10-oz. pkg. \$1.19</p> <p>Mazola Quarters Margarine 1-lb. pkg. 79¢</p> <p>Plain Label sliced Singles Imitation Cheese 12-oz. pkg. \$1.29</p> <p>Allen Pimento Cheese Spread 7 1/2-oz. ctr. 95¢</p> <p>Hy-Top Shredded Mozzarella Cheese 6-oz. pkg. 89¢</p>	<p>Hellmann's Tarter Sauce 6-oz. jar 59¢</p> <p>Golden Griddle Syrup 24-oz. bot. \$1.49</p> <p>9-Lives Ass't. Flavors Cat Food 3 9-oz. cans \$1.00</p> <p>Niagara Spray starch 22-oz. can 99¢</p> <p>Corn Chips Fritos 10 1/2-oz. bag 89¢ Save 20¢</p> <p>Fannin's Bread & Butter Pickles 14-oz. jar 87¢</p> <p>Mazola No Stick 9-oz. can \$1.29</p> <p>7C Off Tone Soap 4 1/2-oz. bar 56¢</p> <p>Tropicana Orange Drink 64-oz. bot. 99¢</p> <p>Bush's Chopped Kraut 3 10-oz. cans 89¢</p> <p>Hy-Top Cut Blue Lake or French Style Green Beans 16-oz. cans \$3.11 Save 19¢ on 3</p> <p>Luzaanne Coffee 1-lb. bag \$1.79</p> <p>GENERIC MARGARINE 1-lb. pkg. 39¢</p> <p>Hy-Top SUGAR 5-LB. BAG \$2.25</p>	<p>Super Fresh Fla. Cabbage 5 Lbs. \$1.00</p> <p>Super Fresh Florida Carrots 2 Lb. bag 59¢</p> <p>Super Fresh Salad or Slaw Mix 2 8-oz. pkgs. \$1.00</p> <p>Super Fresh South American Thompson Seedless Grapes Lb. \$1.29 Save 50¢ per lb.</p> <p>Super Fresh Sunkist Lemons 10 For \$1.00</p> <p>Super Fresh Texas Mangos each 99¢</p> <p>Super Fresh Washington Seed or Cold Delicious Apples Lb. \$1.149 Save 30¢</p> <p>Super Fresh Fla. Celery (stalks) 3 For \$1.00</p> <p>Super Fresh Radishes 3 For \$1.00</p> <p>Super Fresh Pineapple each 99¢</p> <p>Super Fresh Calif. Broccoli bunch 99¢</p>
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I spent most of last week in Tuscaloosa at the State Basketball Tournament, and I'm proud to say I was the only local sportswriter that was there for every second of every game played by both New Brockton and Kinston! We're not a big newspaper, and we don't have a big staff, but we are all mighty proud of all the local schools, and would follow them around the world if that was where they were making news. Everybody put in a lot of extra hours last week so I could make the trip to Tuscaloosa, and I've put in some long hours this week trying to put together a sports section that both New Brockton and Kinston can keep forever. We just didn't have the time to do as much as we wanted, but we gave it our best shot, and I hope it's something you can be proud of.

I'm not patting myself or our staff on the back, because we're just doing our job. However, when you look at the other papers and see big spreads on the teams' successes, remember - we were there all along, both reporting and cheering the teams on to victory!

I have to admit that last Saturday when Kinston and New Brockton both won their state championship games, it was the

highlight of my career as a sportswriter. I have celebrated a lot of big wins by Elba teams, but the feeling I enjoyed last Saturday has to be the tops! I bit my fingernails back to my knuckles watching New Brockton pull out two last-second wins in the opening rounds, and then lost my voice hollering in the championship game for Fred (Thomas) to jump. I guess I have never wanted a team to win a game as much as I wanted Brockton to win in the finals. Coach Cole and I have been very close friends for a long time, and we've discussed basketball problems for many long hours. This season was the coach's final campaign, a decision he made on his own, and we both put in a lot of time scouting opponents, evaluating players and talking to college coaches.

When the Gamecocks pulled out the miracle win over Headland, it was like a dream, and when Bubba Scott handed Coach Cole the championship trophy, the dream was over - what we had hoped for had finally come true. I am happy all the players and fans had the thrill of winning the state championship, but I guess I'm happier for Coach Cole, because I know the things he went through during his career and the many disappointments he had to suffer through. Well, coach, it's all over now - you're the state champion!

Before the season started, everyone agreed that this would be the year the Kinston Bulldogs returned to glory! Well, it took a lot of work by both the boys and the coaches, but they pulled it off and won the 1A State Championship. During the season, Kinston didn't exactly blow folks away, and you could hear people whispering, "What's wrong with Kinston?" Coach Kelley knew he had the potential on his team to make it to state, and purposely put together a very tough schedule. Yes, the losses came quite often, but to teams that were powerhouses, such as Andalus, Enterprise and New Brockton. Before the area tourney started, I talked with Coach Kelley on the phone, and he told me his team had finally put it all together and was ready! Boy, was he right! Kinston played its best ball of the season and won six straight tournament games enroute to the state title. Congratulations, Coach - I know it was tougher than anyone realizes!

Before leaving the subject of the state tournament, I thought I'd pass along some short notes I jotted down while sitting at the games.

***A Tuscaloosa sportswriter stated that Kinston's Coach Kelley was dressed like an "Andalusian lawyer" at the games, but I guess he didn't notice that Pete had on the same suit every game!

***I kept the clock at all the Elba games and have been accused of not giving teams their full minute on a time-out. Well, I kept a check on the clock operator at state, and the most time he ever allowed for a time-out was 35 seconds. See - I'm not so bad!

***After the lopsided 82-55 loss to New Brockton, Vincent Coach Richard Crumpton said, "I guess we should have stayed at the motel. . . I told our kids to take it to their center, and he must have blocked 20 shots. They're much better than we are."

***Coachapoka's Coach Mitzi Jackson, a former football star at Auburn, put his foot in his mouth after their first-round win over Collinsville when he said, "I hope we play this good when the coach looked right past them and on to the final!"

***Coach Jackson did make the quote of the tourney, however, when he said his mother must have been drunk when she named him "Mitzi." "She said she named me after a French scientist," said Jackson, "but I've looked everywhere and I haven't found him yet!"

***Sometimes you just can't win! Barbara Cole was a nervous wreck and crying with joy after her husband's New Brockton team won two close games, but after the big championship win, she told him, "It was boring!"

***A sight I'll never forget was Chick Free and his wife hugging each other when their son, Tim, was named to the "All-Tournament" team. When I was a little boy, I used to be with my dad when he would take Chick home after basketball practice, and I guess he was my first sports idol. Now his son is a star on a state championship team. Congratulations!

***and finally, I don't care what anybody says or how the vote went, the "Most Valuable Player" in 1A was Curtis Lane, and in 2A it was Ricky Nelson.

Spring training is going on at Elba High, and from all reports I've heard the team is really looking good. Coach Wood seems to be optimistic, though not openly so, but he can't hide his excitement when he talks about the youngsters on the team. Don Horstead may be gone, but we're still a pretty darn good team, and I can't wait to get down and watch 'em practice. Our coverage of spring training will pick up now that basketball has finally finished its season.

I walked with Michael Henne, a former Elba High student, at Tuscaloosa last week, and he is now the top student trainer at the University of Alabama. Mike has moved in the athletic dorm and he made all the road trips with the football team, including the Cotton Bowl trip to Dallas. He has also made three road trips with the basketball team, and at the state tourney, "Doc" was on hand to take care of all the high school players. Oh yeah, he also said Russ Wood would see a lot of action next season, and that Don Horstead will be a running back at Bama!

If you're a racing fan, I guess there is a lot of good news for you in this week's sports. The stock-car track at Kinston is opening back up after a long break, and this time it is locally owned and operated. The track is one of the top short tracks in the entire nation, but it has never been run properly, and has been plagued with money problems. The new owners are local men, and they need your help to make a go of it, so go on out and watch the action. It's good, clean family entertainment, and it's exciting!

The Elba Speedway, a go-kart track, opens back up next week, and everyone is really looking forward to it. Last season the track became very popular, with drivers coming from at least 3 other states, and the track officials are hoping this season will be bigger than ever. Go-kart racing is a very exciting sport for everyone involved, and it's a good way to spend an evening. Go out and watch some races - you won't be disappointed.

Sports

Elba's Coach Wood Pleased As Tigers Continue Spring Football Drills

Spring training at Elba High School is beginning to pick up the pace a little bit, and Elba's Coach Mack Wood reports his squad will scrimmage on Friday before

breaking for the AEA holidays.

"So far, practice has gone pretty good," stated Wood on Monday, "and the

weather has been great. All the boys have good attitudes and everything is moving along. We're going a little slower due to the large number of young kids, but

now everything looks okay. We scrimmaged last Friday

and divided into two equal squads; everybody got involved in a position we want them to learn. The scrim-

mage went good considering we had only had 7 days of practice."

We started out with 54 boys and have 44 left,"

added Wood, "but we haven't lost any kids that surprised us. Hopefully we now have our squad slimmed down to boys who can help us. We have changed our

practice a bit in that we are working in a 3-day pattern. We will work on team offense and defense, then go to individual fundamentals on offense and defense, trying to find a position for all the kids, and then do some work on the kicking game and passing game. I can see some bright spots, and right now I can see a little depth. We've been able to line up on both offense and defense and still have some reserves."

"We have spent more time on offense so far," said Coach Wood, "and the reason is you have to take more time teaching offense. You have twice as many things to do, and to get in a complete method, you just have to work and work. I've found you need to get the offense in first, so it can work your defense. We have put in some basic plays on offense, and having Mike Amison

back at quarterback has really helped. We have to put in the better plays to see if the kids can do it. It'll take the new kids 3 or 4 days to get used to the plays, so we just keep plugging along."

"All the young kids came out with a good attitude," continued Wood, "and the veterans have picked up the pace. Now the whole team has a good spirit. We are going to have a team, that if it works hard and dedicates itself, can be a good football team. We have not had any injuries other than sprains and bruises, and you just have to live with them. We will scrimmage 2 times this week and try to put in a new offense. We'll work a little on defense and special teams, and then scrimmage on Friday."

Coach Wood announced the annual Black and Gold game will be held on Friday, March 20.

Zion Chapel Rebels

Honored At All Sports

Banquet

BY: RONNY SHIVER

Last Tuesday night, I attended the All-Sports Banquet at Zion Chapel High School. In keeping with the banquet tradition, the food was excellent, the speeches long, and the awards many.

Seriously, though, the banquet was really nice - the school staff, teachers, students and cooks are to be complimented on doing an excellent job.

The welcome was given by Principal Douglas Green, with the invocation being delivered by Rev. Kenneth Chancellor.

After the meal, the cheerleader awards were presented by Mrs. Patsy Powell, with awards going to Donna Foley, Judy Helms, Pam Gatlin, senior, and Vickie Ellison, senior.

Jr. Varsity Basketball awards were presented by Coach Ray Marier, with the

MVP trophy going to Eddy Arnold.

Coach Mike Lindsey presented the awards to the Varsity Basketball team, and special awards went to: MVP - Walter Adair; permanent team captain - John David Parker; and the Hustler award to David Sanders.

In the football category, Coach David Collins presented awards to members of the "All-County team." Sr./Jr. Mike Ammon, Blair Hurd, Terry Brunson, Tony Calhoun, Jesse Sawyer (All Conference), John David Parker (All Conference), Andy Cape (All Conference), Boyd Deal, Larry McWaters and Junior Dan Sanders.

Trophy awards were presented to Mike Ammon for Permanent Team Captain; Blair Hurd - Practice trophy; Boyd Deal - Leadership award; Tony Calhoun - Best Back; Jim Little - Best Lineman; Jesse Sawyer



Mr. Green

Best Offensive Player; Dwayne Bell - Sportsman Award; John David Parker - MVP; and Andy Cape - Defensive Player award.

Principal Douglas Green

Kinston Speedway To Re-Open Sunday

Stock car racing will return to the local area on Sunday, March 8, when the South Alabama Motor Speedway opens its gates for another season of racing. The track is under new management, and promoter Junior Mack reported races will be held each Sunday for the rest of the summer.

In action this Sunday there will be a 50-lap "Rattler" feature in the Late Model Sportsman Class and a 25-lap feature in the Limited Sportsman Class.

A good field of 20-25 drivers is expected in each class, with drivers coming from as far away as Dothan, Marianna, Ft. Walton, DeFuniak Springs and Panama City. Such local favorites already entered include Elba's Harold Spicer, New Brockton's Travis Smith and Ricky and Kenneth Mack.

Track officials have announced the speedway will add additional events as the season progresses and the number of entries increases.

Drivers wishing more information should call 897-5886, or write to: Southern Karting Association Rt. 1, Box 60-A Elba, AL 36523

Go-Kart Racing To Start

March 14 At Speedway

The grand opening of the new Elba Speedway will take place on Saturday night, March 14, at 7 o'clock, with a full evening of go-kart racing scheduled to take place.

The speedway is located on Larkin Road behind the National Guard Armory, and it is now associated with the Southern Karting Association. All classes will be under World Karting Association rules and regulations.

The racing season will last until October 10, with a total of 17 races planned. Admission will be \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents, children.

Drivers wishing more information should call 897-5886, or write to: Southern Karting Association Rt. 1, Box 60-A Elba, AL 36523

Decoys Are Illegal In

Turkey Hunting

The Game and Fish Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has been receiving numerous inquiries regarding the use of decoys in turkey hunting.

Law Enforcement Section Chief Dalton Halbrook emphasizes that the use of any kind of a decoy in turkey hunting is illegal in Alabama.

Citing the 1980-81 regulation booklet, Halbrook said, "It shall be unlawful for any person, while engaged in

hunting turkeys in this state, to use or have in his possession any type of decoy or other object designed to attract or resemble any part of a turkey or that can be manipulated to attract a turkey." Any type of live decoy is also prohibited.

Halbrook emphasized, however, that the regulation does not prohibit the use of manually operated turkey calling equipment such as the mouth caller, the slate caller or the box caller.

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New Brockton Gamecocks Win Basketball Championship



Gamecock cheerleaders have plenty to cheer about as New Brockton begins to pull away in second quarter action against Tanner. Pictured above is Angel Cassel.

"You wanted New Brockton - well you got New Brockton!" That was a popular cheer at New Brockton High School during the basketball season, and when the fans started chanting it last Saturday afternoon, it could have meant only one thing - the New Brockton Gamecocks were the State Champions in Class 2A!

New Brockton survived two scares in the opening rounds of the state tourney, but made it look easy in the championship game as it claimed its first state title in basketball in 13 years. The Gamecocks edged Tanner 79-78 on a shot at the buzzer, defeated Dadeville 64-62 on another shot at the buzzer, then demolished Vincent in the finals 82-55 to win the crown. The Gamecocks had been looking for all season long.

The state tournament championship was especially sweet for Coach Charles Cole, who took the New Brockton post 3 years ago

when nobody wanted it, and developed a team that many people felt could have competed in any class. The Gamecocks ended the season with a 23-5 record, with the losses all coming at the hands of 3A and 4A teams!

Coach Cole, the principal at the New Brockton Elementary School, announced before the season started that this would be his final year as a coach, but he made it clear there were still two goals he wanted to reach before retiring: 1) A state championship and 2) his 300th career coaching victory. Well, Cole chalked up the Class 2A state championship, and he will get a chance this summer in the high school All-Star game to get his 300th win.

New Brockton was considered a 2A powerhouse all season, and their play in the state tourney did nothing to tarnish their reputation. The Gamecocks tied a record for most points scored in a 2A championship game (82), but more impressive than that

was their play throughout the tournament. As a team, New Brockton hit an amazing 100 of 177 shots and passed out a total of 38 assists, a true team effort! Leading the Gamecocks at state was Ricky Nelson, a 6' guard, who scored 56 points and dished out 13 assists. Nelson hit 26 of 34 shots in the games, including 12 of 12 in the championship contest!

A dominating force in the tourney was 6'8" center Fred Thomas. Thomas scored 49 points, grabbed 46 rebounds, blocked 13 shots and hit 23 of 33 shots from the field. Also starting in the state tourney were Robert Wilson - 54 points and 14 rebounds; Otis Andrews - 28 points and 29 rebounds; and Joseph Burrows - 33 points and 15 rebounds. Nelson, Thomas, Wilson and Andrews were all named to the "All-State Tournament" team.



A large group of New Brockton students and fans made the long trip to Tuscaloosa three times to cheer their team on to victory. These students are up and yelling as the Gamecocks began a late rally!

Andrews Answers

Prayers, Hits Shot At

Buzzer To Nip Tanner

New Brockton's Otis Andrews hit a short jumper with :01 left in the game to lift the Gamecocks to a heart-stopping 79-78 win over the Tanner Rattlers in their tourney opener on Wednesday. A shot with only :07 left had put Tanner on top 78-77, but a "Hail Mary" pass and an Andrews bucket gave Brockton the Miracle Victory!

New Brockton's Fred Thomas hit a short bank shot to give the Gamecocks a 2-0 lead at the outset of the game, and the lanky center also hit Brockton's next two shots.

However, Tanner came out ready to play and matched Thomas' buckets and more, as they took a 10-6 bulge midway through the opening stanza. The Rattlers refused to let New Brockton regain the lead for the remainder of the period, and owned a slim 22-20 lead after one quarter. Brockton's Ricky Nelson hit a lay-up early in the second stanza to tie the score at 22-22, and following a Tanner basket, the Gamecocks reeled off 6 straight points to move on top 28-24 with 7:06 left in the

half.

Ricky Nelson and Robert Wilson got hit midway through the period as Brockton's lead ballooned to 39-30. However, Nelson picked up his fourth foul, and Wilson got his third in a one-minute span, and suddenly the Gamecocks were without the services of their top two scorers. Tanner began to rally late in the stanza against the weakened Gamecock squad, and pulled on top 40-39. Brockton got inside for two buckets in the closing minute of the half, giving the Gamecocks a slim 43-42 halftime advantage.

New Brockton was forced to slow down in the third quarter, but Joseph Burrows took charge in Nelson's absence and did an outstanding job in keeping Brockton on top. Burrows scored 8 points in the stanza and dished out two assists to pace the Gamecock offense, and heading into the final quarter

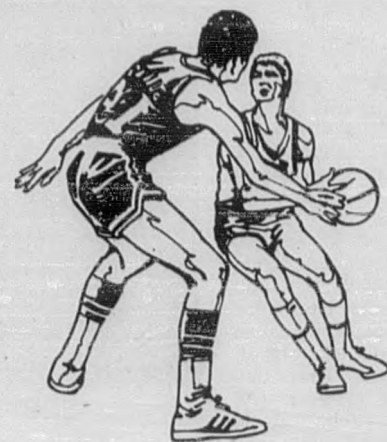
New Brockton clung to a narrow 61-58 advantage. Tanner came out fast in the final stanza and jumped into a 66-65 lead. The lead see-sawed back and forth for the next 4 minutes, and with 2:01 left in the game, Tanner had gone back on top 76-75. Brockton hit only 2 of 7 free-throws during the next minute and a half, but with :38 left they were in front 77-76.

Tanner couldn't get inside against the Brockton defense, but didn't need to, as King Green hit a 20-foot shot with :07 left, to put the Rattlers on top 78-77. New Brockton's Joseph Burrows took the ball and threw it down the court in desperation, where Otis Andrews went up for it with a Tanner defender hanging all over him. Andrews couldn't catch the ball, but did scramble after it and picked it up under the goal and hit the winning shot as the final

buzzer sounded! Robert Wilson scored a game-high 23 points to pace Brockton, while Joseph Burrows added 16. Otis Andrews and Fred Thomas added 15 points each. Bo Byrd, Ronnie Robertson and Jeff Redus all scored 20 points for Tanner. In the rebounding battle, Fred Thomas grabbed 17 and Otis Andrews had 14.

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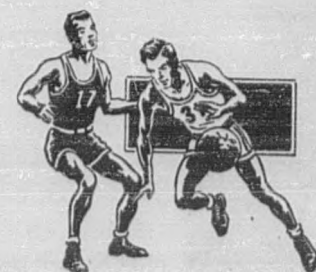
N.B. [79]: Andrews 15, Wilson 23, Thomas 15, Burrows 16, Nelson 8, Smith 2.
Tanner [78]: Byrd 20, Robertson 20, Shoulders 2, Green 14, Redus 20, Yarbrough 2.



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Fred Thomas (44) goes high to drop in a bucket over a Dadeville defender in Brockton's semi-final win.



A Dadeville player finds himself surrounded by Brockton's Joseph Burrows (21), Otis Andrews (41) and Fred Thomas (44) during semi-final action.



Joseph Burrows (21) shoots from the corner as New Brockton rolls up the points at the State Tournament.



Ricky Nelson (32) lays in an easy basket against Dadeville, just as he did at the buzzer, to put the finishing touches on a Gamecock victory.

Gamecocks Score At Buzzer To Edge Dadeville

The Gamecocks' Ricky Nelson hit a driving lay-up just before the final horn sounded, to lift New Brockton to an exciting 64-62 win over the Dadeville Tigers, in the semi-finals of the tourney on Friday afternoon.

New Brockton took a quick 4-0 lead on buckets by Robert Wilson and Fred Thomas, only to watch top-ranked Dadeville come right back and go on top 6-5. Brockton, playing a deliberate offense and sticky zone defense, began to pull away midway through the opening stanza, and opened a 15-10 lead.

The Tigers again came roaring back, and early in the second quarter regained the lead at 22-21. New Brockton

struck for 7 unanswered points late in the period to pull into a 32-26 advantage, and at halftime went in leading by four points at 32-28. The two 2A strong boys continued to slug it out in the third quarter, and the game turned into a shootout between Brockton's Ricky Nelson and Dadeville's Sammy Fitten. Nelson scored 10 of his team's 14 points in the quarter, as Fitten, a 6'2" All-State forward

Dadeville began to speed up the pace in the fourth quarter, and pulled into a 50-50 tie early in the stanza. The Tigers, riding the hot shooting of Fitten, nosed ahead 56-54 midway through the quarter, but Robert Wil-

son hit two long jumpers to rally Brockton and put them ahead 58-56. A shot by Fitten put Dadeville back on top 62-60 with less than a minute to play, but Nelson answered with a lay-up to again tie the score. Dadeville's Melvin Woodyard had a chance to put the Tigers ahead as he stepped to the line to shoot a pair of free-throws with :23 left, but

turned the ball over with :08 left on a traveling violation. Robert Wilson took the in-

bounds pass under the Brockton goal, passed to Ricky Nelson at midcourt, and Nelson dribbled uncontested down the court and hit a lay-up to give the Gamecocks another last-second win!

Ricky Nelson scored 20 points to lead Brockton, while Robert Wilson and

Sammy Fitten led all scorers with 28 points.

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N.B. [64]: Burrows 4, Nelson 20, Andrews 6, Wilson 17, Thomas 17.
D'ville [62]: Fitten 28, Rowe 10, Banks 16, Herron 4, Woodyard 4.



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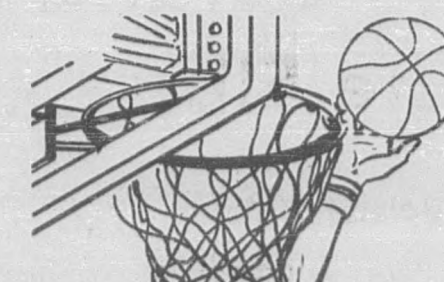
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Robert Wilson (34) is fouled as he attempts to shoot over a Dadeville defender. Wilson played the best games of his career at Tuscaloosa to lead New Brockton to the state championship.





Driving in for a lay-up is New Brockton's Ricky Nelson (31). Nelson hit 12 of 12 shots enroute to a 28-point outing in the championship game.



Robert Wilson jerks down a rebound as Vincent's 6-8 center watches in disbelief.

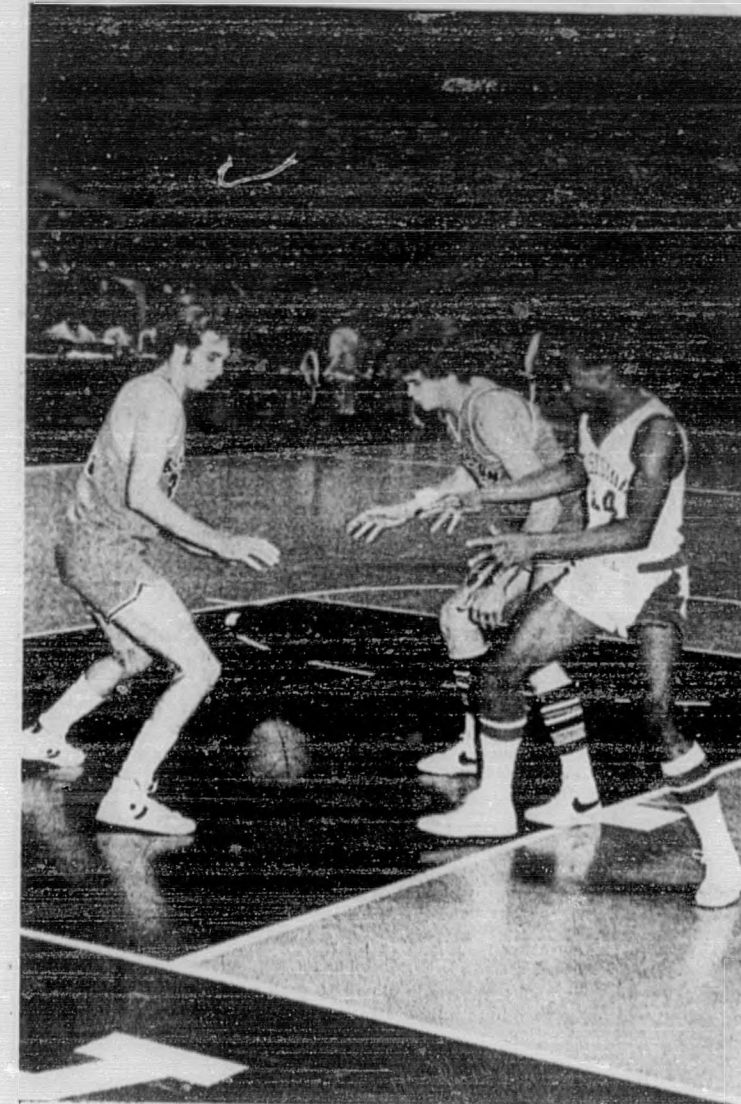


Fred Thomas (43) outreaches Vincent's big center Elton Datcher (35) to pull down a rebound.



Ricky Nelson (31) fires one in from way out during his stellar performance in Brockton's win over Vincent.

Kinston Bulldogs Win State 1A Basketball Crown



Westside's Oliver Jackson (24) reaches after a loose ball, but finds his path blocked by Kinston's Mike Rhodes (35) and Jeff Rhodes (31). The Rhodes cousins combined for 16 points and 20 rebounds in the victory.

A Birthday Present No One In Kinston Will Ever Forget!

What kind of birthday present do you give to someone who has almost everything? How about a State Championship trophy in basketball? Kinston's Coach Pete Kelley celebrated his birthday last Saturday and received a gift he will never forget, as the Kinston Bulldogs defeated the Courtland Chiefs 59-57 and presented to him the 1981 Class A State Championship.

The Bulldogs, making their 20th trip to the state tournament, opened the tourney with a 70-56 win over Westside, routed Loach, scored 40 points, grabbed 34 rebounds and handed out 13 assists. Scott Sansom, a 6'1" junior guard, who scored 40 points, grabbed 34 rebounds and handed out 13 assists. Scott Sansom, a 6'1" senior, hit 53 points and grabbed 24 rebounds, while Jeff Rhodes, a 6'2" senior, scored 39 points and pulled down 38 rebounds. Two underrated players who played big parts in the championship were juniors Tim Free and Mike Rhodes. Free, a 6'1" guard, scored 36 points and grabbed 19 rebounds, and hit 12 of 16 shots from the field. Rhodes, a 6'2" forward, scored 31 points, grabbed 24 rebounds and hit 15 of 22 shots from the field. Sansom, Free, Lane and Jeff Rhodes were all named to the "All-State Tournament" team.

Kinston Bulldogs Open

Tourney With Easy

70- 56 Win

A crowd of 1,073 fans were on hand Wednesday afternoon to watch as the Bulldogs posted a surprisingly easy 70-56 win over the Westside Cougars. Kinston came out a little sluggish in the game and fell behind 12-6 midway through the opening stanza. However, Scott Sansom began to warm up late in the period and hit four long jumpshots to pull the Bulldogs within 14-12. The score was knotted at 18-18 in the opening minutes of the second stanza, but Kinston moved on top 20-18 on a bucket by Sansom, and stretched the lead to 24-18 on a basket and a pair of free-throws by Curtis Lane. Sansom and Lane combined for six more points late in the stanza and Kinston suddenly found themselves sitting on a 30-21 bulge with 1:42 left in the half.

Westside pulled within 33-27 at the half and closed to within 4 points at 35-31 with 5:40 left in the third quarter, but Kinston's Coach Pete Kelley called a time-out and settled his troops down. The time-out did the trick, because the Bulldogs began to shut down the Cougar offense, and Kinston broke loose offensively to outscore Westside 14-4 as they moved on top 49-35 going into the fourth quarter.

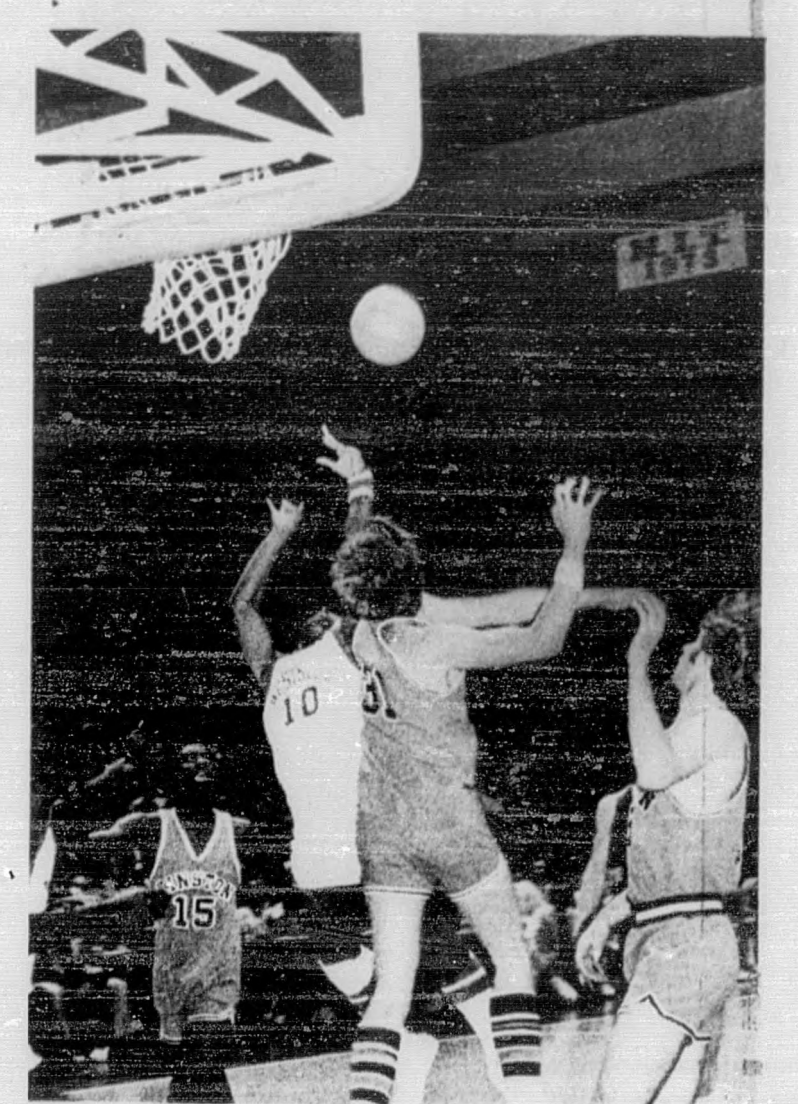
Westside refused to quit and battled the Bulldogs hard in the final stanza, but Kinston hit on 11 of 15 free-throw attempts down the stretch and held on for the win.

Scott Sansom hit on 9 of 11 shots from the field and

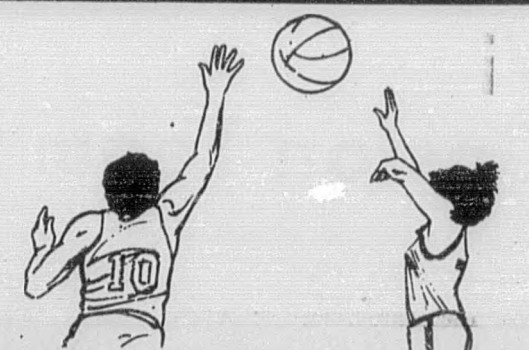
added 8 free-throws to score a game-high 26 points, while Tim Free and Curtis Lane added 14 points apiece. Roger Sewell scored 18 to lead Westside.

In the rebounding department, Kinston was led by Jeff Rhodes with 14, and Curtis Lane with 12.

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REJECT! Bulldog center Jeff Rhodes (31) blocks a shot attempted by Westside's Murray Jackson (10). Also pictured on defense are Mike Rhodes (35) and Curtis Lane (15).



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Cole Saved The Best For Last!

New Brockton's Coach Charles Cole announced prior to the start of this year's basketball season that it would be his last season as a coach. Without a doubt, he saved the best for last! "I'm still dreaming," said Cole on Monday, "it all seems unreal. I'm afraid to go to sleep because I might wake up and find out it was all a dream. It was without a doubt the greatest thrill during my 20 years of coaching."

When asked about the games at the state tournament, Cole answered, "We knew all the teams up there would be good, but I felt they couldn't be any better than a lot of teams we had already played. I didn't know anything at all about Tanner, only that they had to be good. It was a tough game and they had a real good club. You know when a team has three boys score 20 points in the same game, they're mighty good! We turned the ball over 20 times, but still hung in there. When they hit the shot near the end of the game, I was calling time-out, but June (Joseph Burrows) grabbed the ball and threw it before we could get the refs to call one. I thought the pass was going to be intercepted, and I guess Otis (Andrews) was just determined to get it. When the ball rolled toward the goal, I just watched and when Otis put it in, I was in a state of shock. I went over to the clock operator and asked him if it was really over! We didn't play as well in the game as we could have because Ricky (Nelson) and Robert (Wilson) both had to sit out with foul trouble. I guess the unsung hero was Norris Smith, because when Nelson fouled out he came in and made some big assists."

"The boys were up for the Dadeville game because they were picked No. 1, and we felt we had something to prove," added Cole. "We weren't cocky going into the game - we were confident. I knew Fitten would be hard to stop, so I felt if we could stop the other players, he wouldn't beat us by himself. I think we played a good game - not as good as we wanted - but I guess Dadeville had something to do about that. On our last



New Brockton's Coach Charles Cole barks instructions to his players during the win over Tanner. Cole posted his 29th win in the finals, and could get 300 in the All-Star game.

time-out I told our boys to get the ball to Ricky (Nelson), and I told Ricky not to pass, just to go to the goal. He did it the rest!"

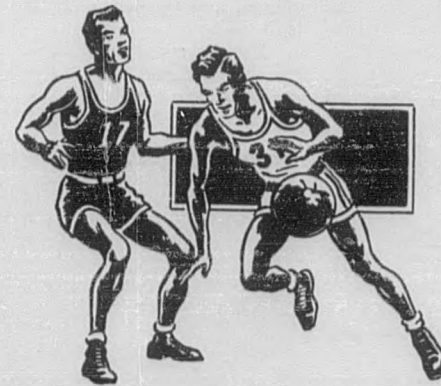
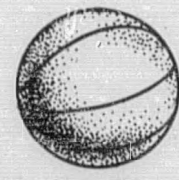
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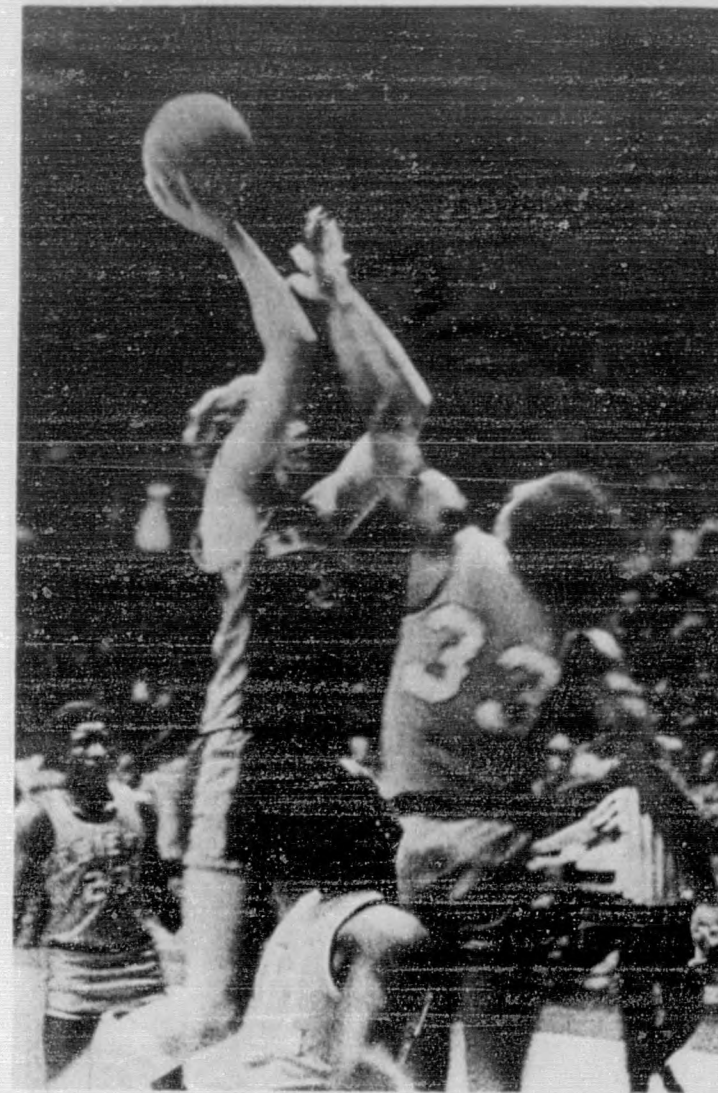
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A chance for a 3-pointer! Kinston's Jeff Rhodes (31) fires in a basket despite being fouled by Courtland's Clifford Mason (33). Rhodes scored 14 points in the game to pace the Bulldogs' upset win.

Kinston Runs Away From Loachapoka To Claim Big 87-69 Victory

Mike Rhodes hit two straight shots to pull Kinston out of an early 4-4 tie and the Bulldogs never looked back in running away to an 87-69 win over the Loachapoka Indians.

The Indians, who opened the tourney with a 103-53 win over Collinsville, missed a dunk after the opening tip, and the miss seemed to wake up the Bulldogs as they got off to a fast start. The score was tied at 4-4 early in the game, but the Bulldogs were already in charge, as they broke loose to open a 12-4 bulge over the stunned Indians.

Loachapoka showed signs of coming to life in the

second period and pulled within 4 points at 18-14, but Jeff Rhodes scored to make it 20-14, and "super-sub" Jimmy Rodgers hit two long set-shots to put the Dogs back in command 24-14. Kinston's lead stood at 29-20 late in the stanza, and the Bulldogs were rolling along, only to make several turnovers in the closing minute which let the Indians get back in it at 36-30 at the half.

Scott Sansom hit a long jumper to put the Dogs ahead 38-30 at the start of the third period, but Loachapoka came right back to score 6 unanswered points and pulled within two points at 38-36.

Kinston's Jeff and Mike Rhodes combined to stretch the lead to 42-36, and following an Indian basket, the Bulldogs reeled off 6 straight points to regain breathing room at 48-38. Kinston pulled into a 60-47 advantage going into the final stanza, and then got its running game in high gear in the last period as the Indians fell further and further behind. A total of seven Kinston players scored in the quarter as the Dogs ran wild and poured in 27 points to make the final score 87-69.

Tim Free hit on 6 of 7 shots and 8 of 9 free-throws to score a total of 20 points to pace Kinston. Jeff Rhodes came to life with 19 points, while Scott Sansom added 15. Horace Durr scored 15 for Loachapoka.

Jeff Rhodes and Curtis Lane pulled down 12 rebounds apiece to lead the Bulldogs, and Mike Rhodes added 10.

Kin. 14 22 24 27 - 87
L'apoka 8 22 17 22 - 69

Kinston (87): Free 20, Lane 13, M. Rhodes 10, Sansom 15, J. Rhodes 19, Kelley 1, Rodgers 7, Harrison 2.
Loachapoka (69): Cobb 3, Williams 14, Warren 5, Reese 7, Turk 4, Durr 15, Murph 4, Philpot 3, Ogletree 9, Farrell 3, Stinson 2.



Jeff Rhodes (31) muscles past a Westside player to grab a rebound in Kinston's opening round win. The Bulldogs pulled away in the second quarter to post a 70-56 win.



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Jimmy Rodgers Makes Pressure Packed Free-Throws To Lift Kinston To State Championship Win Over Courtland

Kinston's Jimmy Rodgers hit two free-throws with only :04 left in the game to lift the Bulldogs to an exciting 59-57 win over the Courtland Chiefs in the finals of the Class A tournament. The two free-throws gave Kinston a 59-55 lead, and a meaningless bucket at the buzzer meant nothing, as the Kinston players, cheerleaders and fans went wild.

Courtland came into the game with an outstanding 28-2 record, and pulled into a quick 3-0 lead over Kinston. The Bulldogs couldn't buy a bucket in the early going, at 5-5 with 1:24 left, but Jeff Rhodes came back with a jumper to tie the game at 5-5. Jeff Rhodes hit two baskets to put Kinston on top 6-3, and the Bulldogs appeared ready to pull away as they moved ahead 14-7 after one period of play.

Kinston came out cold in the second stanza, not scoring a point for 3:52, and the Chiefs took advantage of the drought to score 9 straight points and go ahead 16-14. Scott Sansom hit a pair of free-throws with 4:08 left in the half to tie the game at 16-16, and two buckets by Mike Rhodes after passes from Curtis Lane kept the Dogs deadlocked at 20-20.

Courtland's Donald Reedus, a 6'4" guard, and teammate Bruce Jones, a 6' guard, combined to score all the Chiefs' points in the stanza, as they went in at halftime owning a 30-27 advantage. Reedus poured in 15 points in the quarter, and almost single-handedly put his team only two quarters away from the state title!

Courtland stretched its lead to 36-29 early in the third stanza and then moved on top 42-33 as Kinston's hopes began to fade. The Bulldogs weren't about to quit, however, and battled Young 1 Jones 16, Reedus 26, Mason 4, Goode 6.

going into the final stanza. Courtland's lead went to 51-43 at the start of the fourth quarter, and when Scott Sansom fouled out with 7:16 left, it didn't look good for the Dogs!

Jeff Rhodes and Curtis Lane scored to cut the deficit to 51-47, and Jimmy Rodgers connected on two jumpshots to tie the score at 51-51 with 4:44 left in the game. Mike Rhodes stole a pass and hit a lay-up with 4:05 left to put Kinston on top 53-51, and then scored with 2:44 left to put the Bulldogs in front 55-51. Courtland pulled even at 55-55 with 1:24 left, but Jeff Rhodes came back with a bucket as Kinston went back on top 57-55. The pressure mounted as the clock ticked into the final minute of play, and both teams blew chances to put the game away.

Courtland missed the front end of two one-and-one free-throws, while Kinston missed "four" one-and-one chances in a 30-second span! Jimmy Rodgers went to the line with :04 left to shoot one-and-one, and the cool little senior made both shots to ice the win, and the state championship!

Jeff Rhodes scored 14 points to lead Kinston, while Curtis Lane and Scott Sansom added 12 apiece. Mike Rhodes hit 5 of 6 shots and added a free-throw to score 11 points. Donald Reedus scored 24 points for Courtland, but hit only 11 of 28 shots from the floor.

In the rebounding department, the leaders were Jeff Rhodes with 12 and Curtis Lane with 10.

Kin. 14 13 16 16 - 59
Courtland 7 23 17 10 - 57



Kinston's Jimmy Rodgers (21) waves his arms in jubilation as he watches a free-throw fall through the hoop. The free-throw iced the state championship for the Bulldogs.

The Shot Heard Around The County

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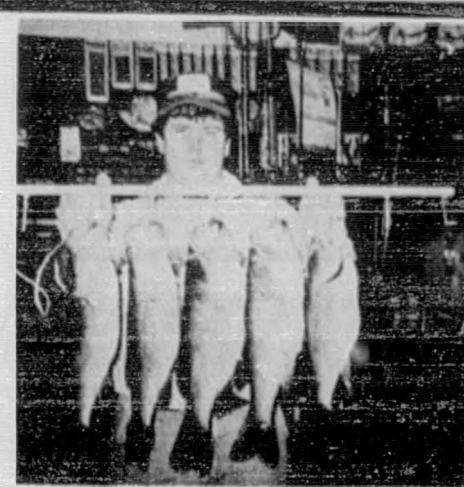
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Sports



Mark Kelley and Freddie Thomas caught these fish in a private pond. (Tackle Box photo)



Butch White holds 5 bass he caught at a private pond using spinner bait. The fish weighed a total of 12½ pounds. (Tackle Box photo)



Mickey Wise and Dennis Johnson caught this mess of fish in the river, the biggest of which weighed 7½ lbs. Photo by The Tackle Box.



Perry Fuller and Buddy Clark caught these bass Sunday in Montgomery County. The biggest lunkers weighed 5½ and 4 pounds. Elba Bait Shop photo.

Umpires' Clinic Set For

March 14. At Dothan

Tom Mason, the Umpire-in-Chief of the Amateur Softball Association, will conduct an Umpires' Clinic on Saturday, March 14, at Westgate Park in Dothan. A small registration fee of \$3.00 will be charged, and

registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and last until 3:00 p.m., with a one-hour break for lunch.

All coaches, players and umpires are invited to attend.

Cow Dog Trials Saturday

Cow dog trials will be held in Elba, March 7 - 8, 1981, at the W.H. Taylor Farms, Rt. 2, Elba.

Entries will come from five states. Admission at gate, 12 years and under admitted

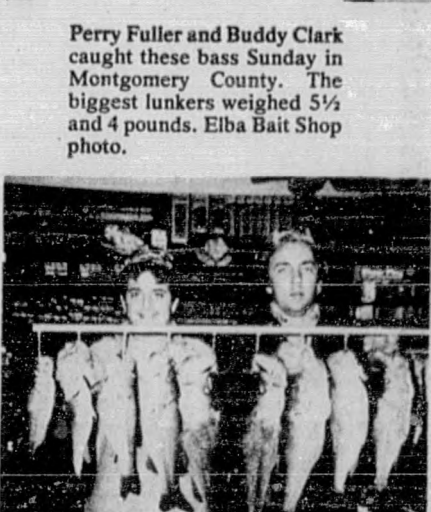
free. For further information, call W.G. "Gills" Stevens 894-5520; "Buck" Stevens 894-5822, New Brockton; Bill Taylor, 897-2764, Elba; Charles W. Bryan, 493-3786, Opp; Bill Simmons 684-3238, Geneva.



Greg Hollis caught this fine string of bass in his pond. (Tackle Box photo)



Buddy Clark caught these 2 big bass weighing 7 and 7½ pounds on a "Rat-L-Trap" at a private pond. Photo by The Tackle Box.



Buddy Clark and Doug Hudson caught these 10 bass that weighed a total of 23 pounds at a beaver pond using plugs. Photo by The Tackle Box.



Dean Kyle caught this 6-pound bass at the Coffee County Lake. (Tackle Box photo)

Lindsey Benefit Set For April

The list of celebrities committed to attending the 1981 George Lindsey Celebrity Benefit, April 24-26, continues to grow. Latest additions include Bo Hopkins and Dale Robertson, two of the stars from the hit TV series, "Dynasty."

Making his first appearance at the tournament will be "famed" Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Terry Bradshaw. He'll be joined by Fred DeCordova and Bobby Quinn from "The Tonight Show," David Doyle

(Booley) of "Charlie's Angels," Safety Sheriff Joe Higgins, the immortal Fred MacMurray and former New England Patriots' standout, Tommy Neville.

Also golfing in the Ninth annual Benefit for Alabama's physically and mentally handicapped will be former New Orleans Saints and Kansas City Chiefs' Head Coach Hank Stram, and Governor Fob James. Tickets will be on sale at the gate Sunday, April 26, at Arrowhead Country Club for the

golf tournament.

There has been a surprise addition to the lineup of stars appearing at the 1981 "Great Stars Show" Saturday, April 25, in the Montgomery Civic Center. Legendary piano

great Floyd Cramer will be on stage playing all the songs which made him one of the world's most renowned pianists, including "Last Date."

Appearing with Floyd Cramer will be Wendy Holcombe from Alabaster,

Alabama; Roy Clark and the one and only Oak Ridge Boys. Tickets for this year's Great Stars Show are \$12 and \$15, available by MAIL ONLY. Send no cash - check and money orders only, plus a 30-cent handling charge to "Great Stars Show," Montgomery Civic Center, P.O. Box 4037, Montgomery 36101. Also include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your order.

By late afternoon, the search had spread to a wooded area behind the jail, between the levee and the Pea River. As darkness began to fall, officers took to the river in boats to begin a search along the steep banks of the river. However, the efforts were again in vain, as no sign of the escapee was found. Several boats borrowed from the Elba Rescue Squad were used in the hunt along the river.

The break that led to the arrest of Ard came at 6:30 p.m., when Mrs. Glenda Stokes passed a hitchhiker on Tac 1 Road and became suspicious. Mrs. Stokes drove to the nearby home of her brother-in-law, Joe Spurlin, and told him the man matched the description of the escapee.

Spurlin, who is a former deputy sheriff, is now an official at the Elba Work Release Center, and he assisted in the capture of the other escapee earlier in the day.

After getting his pistol, Spurlin drove to the site where the man had been seen, passed the subject and drove down the road. When Spurlin turned around and drove back up the road, Ard had his thumb out, still trying to hitch a ride. Spurlin stopped and picked up the escapee, and when he asked him why his clothes were torn, Ard answered, "My clothes were stolen and I had to wear these."

Spurlin told his passenger he had to stop by his house and check on something, and after pulling into his driveway, he pulled the gun from under his leg and told Ard, "Come with me!" As Spurlin guarded Ard in his kitchen, some paper fell from the escapee's pants; the paper was labelled as being from District Court, and Spurlin then asked the escapee if he was indeed Donald Ard, and the man calmly replied "Yes."

Spurlin's wife, who was on the phone with the sheriff's office trying to get an accurate description of Ard, then asked to speak to Sheriff Paul. The jailer wouldn't let her speak to the sheriff, but got his attention when she said, "I've got Ard in my kitchen." The sheriff then proceeded to formally recapture the prisoner.

Ard was taken to the Elba General Hospital for treatment of a cut finger, and while there he told law officers just what had taken place following the escape. Ard said he went down the levee, through the woods and to the river. After swimming across the river, he reported it took him an hour and a half to climb a steep 20-foot mud bank. He told police he saw the helicopter

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County Jail Escapees Recaptured After Only Hours Of Freedom

The citizens of Elba and surrounding towns breathed a sigh of relief early Tuesday night, March 10, when the word came that accused murderer Donald Ray Ard had been recaptured and was back in custody at the Coffee County Jail. Ard, 26, of San Antonio, Texas, had escaped earlier in the day and had eluded police for almost seven hours prior to his capture.

The daring daylight escape actually involved two inmates, one of whom

Otto Mays, age 33, was recaptured only one hour after the breakout. The two inmates were both housed in a 12-man cell on the second floor of the jail, and apparently saved the lock off the cell door. The men went downstairs, where they were seen by a unit started a search along the levee, and soon law enforcement agencies from throughout the area had converged on the scene. Sheriff Bruce Paul telephoned the Houston County Sheriff's Department and requested bloodhounds be brought to the scene, and also called the State Trooper Headquarters in Montgomery for use of a helicopter.

While the local search began to expand, area police also started surveillance of the escapees' families and associates.

Kenneth Law, a state probation officer, along with Work Release officials Joe Spurlin and Ed Gullion, were in charge of the search in the area near the railroad trestle, and Law reportedly heard Mays coming down the levee.

The men didn't approach the escapee, but waited until he reached a wooded area. After resuming the search, Law discovered Mays lying on the ground behind a tree, covered with leaves. Law reported he saw a shoe sticking out of the pile of leaves, and when he yelled for assistance, the shoe moved.

Mays was recaptured at approximately 11:35 a.m., and was brought back through the front gate of the jail at 11:43 a.m. Mays, a large, black male, was wet and admitted he had been in the river.

The dogs from Houston County were released at 11:45 and picked up the scent of Ard on the levee. The dog followed the trail across the Pea River bridge (Highway 84) and the White-water Creek bridge (Highway 125), but lost the scene on the levee behind the school.

The state helicopter discovered canoe in the Whitewater Creek at 12:29 p.m., with two subjects, one of which matched the description of Ard. A small army of law officers closed in forest fire protection.

"We don't have the money left to buy gas," said Roberts, "and we don't have any vehicles left to fight fires with. I had been borrowing a truck to pull our bulldozer to fires, but the people now want it back, so we can't get it to a fire! If we don't get another truck to pull our heavy equipment and receive more funding, we're going to just have to get out of the fire fighting business."

Roberts stated he had been called to 62 fires since January, compared to only 60 during all of last year. After discussing his exact needs, Roberts agreed that if the commission would provide \$4,000 in funds and purchase a truck (at an estimated cost of \$10,000), his department could serve the needs of the county. The commission told Roberts they would discuss the request during the week and give him an answer at the next scheduled meeting on March 23.

A group of county residents spoke in favor of the request and reminded the commission of the large economic input that forestry brought into the county. When the idea of a 10-cent-per-acre tax on forest lands was mentioned, it too, received a favorable reaction from the group. It was reported that such a tax would bring in \$24,000 annually.

Mr. Rufus Bradley, a longtime visitor of the commission's, was back and asked if they had any plans to blacktop any roads in the county.

"It looks like the commission could be saving money for roadwork instead of spending it on buying land to build a new jail," declared Bradley. "For the past years there has been more talk about jails and courthouses than the condition of the roads."

While complaining, Bradley brought up the subject of a small dirt road being closed due to a fallen tree, causing speeding on a dirt road in front of his house; and dust caused by the constant traffic on the road.

After hearing the complaints, the commission told Bradley the money spent on the jail could not be used to blacktop roads; the engineer would check on the closed road and there was nothing they could do about the other problems.

Mr. Kenneth Ball, the Coffee County Health Officer, addressed the commission, and said, "I have extreme financial problems! While health costs have tripled in recent years, the funding hasn't. To provide adequate protection to the citizens of the county the Health Department needs additional funding of at least \$171,800. If the funds don't

the railroad tracks and Ard fled east after making his way into a field, and toward the Pea River bridge on Highway 84.

Before leaving the hospital, Ard hid by an old barn until dark, when he began hitchhiking.

The Elba Police Department was notified of the escape at 10:35 a.m., and stated the lock to the cell was open, apparently caused by a mechanical malfunction.

Ard was returned to jail at 7:30 p.m.

Boys

Only minutes after the jail break, three young boys ran into the Elba Police Station and reported they had seen two "convicts" go through the fence at the county jail and run down the levee. The youngsters - Michael Smith, 11; Darren Smith, 12; and Steve Parker, 12 - reported they were riding bikes on the levee and saw two men go through the fence and run up the levee. The youngsters added that one man ran down the levee toward town, while the other went over the levee toward the river.

The boys were excited and all three were trying to speak at once, but they apparently were eyewitnesses to the escape and were not harmed by the inmates.

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Coffee County Health Officer Kenneth Ball discusses the needs of his programs with the commission. Pictured at left is Commissioner Eugene Bradley and Commissioner Marvin Bowden.

Forestry & Health Departments Seek Funds From County

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Representatives of the architectural firm of Pearson, Humphries, Jones and Associates came to the meeting during an inspection of the courthouse and gave a brief progress report on their findings.

"We have been inspecting the three buildings as instructed," stated Mr. Renis Jones, "and are progressing on the cost factors of the various proposals. We have talked with everyone housed in the two courthouses about their needs, and we are close to finalizing our report. We just wanted to let you know we are hard at work and have accomplished a lot. We will try to have a report available by the latter part of the month."

In a mild surprise, Jones reported the Enterprise courthouse was in better structural condition than the building in Elba. The architect added the courthouse in Elba had some structural cracks and did show a slight settlement. He also stated the jail had a continuous crack along the east side, but reported none of the three buildings was dangerous.

A report released by the sheriff's department revealed the state now owed the county \$62,435.30 for expenses incurred by state prisoners while housed in the county jail. The total, which covered a period of almost six years, included medical care, food and various miscellaneous expenses.

In other action at Monday's meeting the commission:

***heard a county resident ask for work to be done on County Road 79, where water stood in the roadway;

***passed a resolution commending both Kinston and New Brockton on winning state basketball championships;

***received a letter concerning a leak in the roof of the county school board building in Elba;

***sent out invitations to bid on steel H-beam pilings to be used in bridge repair;

***heard Bill Hughes (of the Soil & Water Conservation Department), report he had selected 12 additional sites for roadbank stabilization work on Highway 14;

***approved a request to take a \$100 ad in the South Alabama State Fair program to help cover expenses of prizes given to 4-H participants;

***voted to increase a mileage allowance for county employees to 20 cents a mile;

***agreed to hold a "Use Hearings" on additional Revenue Sharing Funds in the amount of \$22,928 on March 23;

***appointed Mr. Heber Clark to a six-year term on the Damascus Water Authority;

***appointed Mr. Walter Lunsford to a six-year term on the Tabernacle-Clintonsville Water Authority;

***authorized the commission and commission chairman to attend a legislative dinner and County Day on March 31 and April 1 at Montgomery;

***authorized the commission and commission clerk to attend a Clerk-Administrator's Conference in Mobile on March 26 and 27; and

***paid bills.

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